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## *Preface*

Fairfax County is fortunate in having most of its early land and court records intact.

The county is also fortunate in having many citizens who are interested, diligent, and qualified in researching its past. No one has been more diligent or knowledgeable in researching those records of Fairfax's past than Beth Mitchell. She seems to practically live in the records, and helps to bring them to life. The idea of making this map to illustrate some of the results of her work was first discussed in late 1984. Her ability to design and produce the finished map in a short period of time was only possible because of the enormous amount of information she already had on hand in lists, card files, and research notes. The final map was drawn, hand colored, and hand lettered by Beth. Her work is even more impressive as she drew and colored several trial drafts before settling on the current format. No one else could have made such a map because no one else had enough information gleaned from ten years research in the county records. Few would have had her patience, dedication, and enthusiasm in the graphic representation. We hope this map will be of general interest to the citizens of Fairfax County, and will be a lasting tool for future historical research. We are all indebted to Beth for making it possible.

Donald M. Sweig  
Editor



## *Introduction*

Fairfax County was formed in 1742 from the northern portion of what was then Prince William County. Fifteen years later, in 1757, the area of Fairfax west of Difficult Run was detached to form the new County of Loudoun. So, in 1760, the County of Fairfax, as shown on the map, encompassed 201,729 acres, or 315 square miles. Eighteenth-century Fairfax was vastly different from the bustling suburban community it now is. Even for the historian, understanding the nature of life two-hundred years ago is a difficult and never ending quest; communicating that understanding to a wider segment of society is an even more formidable task.

The map shows the landowners, leaseholders, tenants, the number of slaves by owner, churches, mills, ordinaries, ferries, and roads in Fairfax County in 1760. Landowners are indicated by upper case lettering; leaseholders and tenants are shown in lower case lettering. Land of owners who were residents of the county is shown in beige when the owner was a slaveowner. Red is used to indicate landowners who lived in the county but did not own slaves. Land of absentee owners who held slaves in Fairfax County is in green, and those without slaves in Fairfax is in a darker shade of green; gray indicates ungranted land. The Truro Parish Glebe is in white.

The number of slaves held by resident and nonresident landowners, leaseholders, or tenants is designated by a number in black near the owner's name on the map. A black line under the number of slaves indicates that the figure is derived from the 1749 list of tithables (adult white males and

adult black males and females) taken by the Reverend Mister Charles Green. (The number of black tithables listed by Green for individuals has been doubled to arrive at total number of slaves, following the formula suggested by Virginia Lt. Governor Robert Dinwiddie in 1755.) The number of slaves from this source, therefore, does not reflect any change in the number of slaves held due to births, deaths, purchases, or sales in the ten years from 1749 to 1760. When the number of slaves has not been underlined, it indicates that the number of blacks has been estimated from wills, estate inventories and accounts, deeds, or court order books for the period 1749-1770, using the information closest in time to 1760. When a slave holder owned more than one piece of land, no attempt was made to place the slaves on land that could have been used for quarters, although it seems unlikely that all of a large group of slaves would have been held on the main plantation. Even when it is known that an owner's slaves were held at quarters, it is difficult to be certain which parcels of land were used.

Churches (all of which were of the established Church of England) are indicated by a red cross on a small square; grist or grain mills by a red M; ordinaries or taverns by a red outline of a house; bridges by a small rectangle across the road; and ferry landings by a red triangle. The major roads in use at the time are indicated in brown. Within the towns of Alexandria and Colchester the owners of lots are shown in the insets.

The intent of this interpretive historical map is to provide a static or snapshot view of some of the major features of life and society in mid-eighteenth-century Fairfax.

The map does not attempt to show the vast changes that took place in Fairfax from its founding until about 1780. It will, however, serve as a base from which one can determine historical change, either before or after the date of the map. Two factors relating to that change need to be mentioned:

1. The year 1760 was chosen as a representative date for the map because it was about mid-century and midway in the major period of growth in Fairfax; it was also three years after a large area of western Fairfax was set aside to form Loudoun County. Also, 1760 allows a long enough period of land and court records to provide sufficient data to construct the map.

2. The map is a composite. It incorporates for each category and instance the most reliable and timely information available. Even so, some of the information may come from records as early as 1749 and other closely related data from as late as 1765. Sources are given for all the data depicted on the map so the chronology of the composite information can be seen, and historical change in any given subject, geographical area, or specific instance can be investigated.

It was not possible to depict or represent many features of life in eighteenth-century Fairfax on a single map. Such things as how much of the land was actually under cultivation or how much still in tree cover, what crops were raised and where, total population, exactly where or how people lived, and their social or political relations are not addressed.

The specific topic headings that follow are intended to clarify the sources of, and exceptions to, the information shown on the map.

## *Land Ownership*

All of the land that is, and was, Fairfax County was from 1669 until 1781 part of a much larger land division known as the Northern Neck Proprietary. In 1760, Thomas, sixth Lord Fairfax, was proprietor. This grant of 5,282,000 acres encompassed all the land between the Potomac and Rappahannock rivers, stretching into what is now West Virginia. Land in the proprietary was transferred in a fee simple title (recorded in the Northern Neck Grant books), and also required the payment of an annual and modest rent (quitrent was the contemporary term) per acre, by the landholder to the proprietor.

Land was also granted, until about 1700, in a somewhat similar arrangement, by the king's colonial government at Jamestown. The land so granted could be passed to ones heirs, or sold, so long as the quitrents were still paid. Land ownership as depicted on the map is based on three primary sources: quitrent lists, deed books, and court records.

The land rent due to Thomas, Lord Fairfax, was entered by the collectors for Fairfax County on a rental roll, or quitrent list. The list for 1761 shows the names of some of the landowners and the number of acres for which they paid quitrents.

It should be noted that not all of the landowners were listed. Absentee owners of the large tracts, such as the Lees, Fitzhughs, Carters, and Turbervilles, probably paid their rent directly to the proprietor's office, or in another county, and therefore were not on the lists for Fairfax. It is also most probable that the heirs of William Fairfax, who died in 1757,

did not pay the rent.

Land information was also taken from records of sales and transfers of land in Fairfax County deed books, Prince William and Stafford County deed books (Fairfax was part of Stafford and later Prince William until 1742), and the records of the original grants from the proprietor in the Northern Neck grant books.

Determination of land ownership in 1760 is sometimes uncertain when the transaction transferring title is listed in a missing deed book or when certain pages of a deed book are missing. In some deeds it is recited that the land was sold, but a date is not given. Often it is difficult to find exactly when the land was inherited, or whether or not a person who had inherited was alive in 1760. For example, when an unmarried daughter received land by her father's will, luck must be with you to find that land if the daughter later married, lived on the land for years with her husband, and subsequently divided the tract among her heirs.

The larger tracts were usually held intact into the nineteenth century, but smaller tracts often had a quick turnover and were divided into even smaller segments by a division among heirs. Many of the smaller tracts eventually were consolidated and added to holdings of established families. The Simpsons, for example, were on the rent rolls of 1761 for 1,295 acres near Pohick Creek, Sandy Run, and Ox Road. In 1782, they were on the new land tax lists for 3,202 acres, a gain of 1,907 acres in twenty-one years.

The boundaries of many landholdings in 1760 were still those of the original Northern Neck grants. And although most of the land in Fairfax County had been granted, waste or ungranted land could still be found. The tract of approximately 1,600 acres near the northwest corner of the enormous Ravensworth (Fitzhugh) grant was the last large area of ungranted land in Fairfax County. It was 1770 before all the disputed claims to that land were settled and final grants

were made. An additional thirty years passed before the northwest corner boundary line of Ravensworth was finally established, and the northeast corner boundary was still in dispute as late as 1850.

Other court litigation involving disputes arising from land granted to more than one person also provides information on land ownership. For example, well into the nineteenth century the courts were still in the process of establishing firm boundary lines for Robert Howson's 1669 patent (sold to John Alexander) for 6,000 acres along the Potomac near Hunting Creek. This 1760 map shows how later grants overlapped Howson's original patent. The Alexander families eventually won their suits, and court records involving their case provided information used on the map.

Some widows are listed as owners on the map when they had a life interest in or are thought to have lived on and controlled property in 1760. When a widow remarried and still lived on the land, the husband's name is shown on the map as a tenant or leaseholder. The widow, Elizabeth (Sanford) French, later married Thomas Dent and after his death married Presley Cox. Upon the death of her first husband, Daniel French (the elder), Elizabeth received a life interest in his estate and continued to live on their land at Great Hunting Creek. The map shows French's heirs as landowners and Presley Cox, although married to Elizabeth, as a tenant. Sarah (Ball) McCarty, widow of Dennis McCarty, married Abraham Barnes and they continued to live on the land of her son Daniel McCarty between Pohick and Accotink creeks; McCarty is shown as landowner and Barnes as a tenant. When a property was divided among several heirs and the exact boundaries of the division are not apparent (when metes and bounds are not given), the names of the heirs are listed on the property on the map.

In the case of land where no record of sale was evident, and where the property did not appear on tax records, the



map indicates ownership in the name of the person who received the original Northern Neck grant. Land ownership shown on the map is as of January 1, 1760, except for a few instances.

First among these is the Mount Vernon land of approximately 2,298 acres, which although entered on the map as belonging to George Washington, was actually still being leased at that time by George from the widow of his half-brother Lawrence and her new husband, Charles Lee.

At the death of Ann Lee in 1761, George Washington, by the terms of Lawrence Washington's will, became owner of the Mount Vernon lands he had controlled for seven years.

The 200-acre tract immediately above Mount Vernon was actually purchased by George Washington from Sampson Darrell in December, 1757, but because the widow of William Darrell continued to have a life interest in the tract, Washington could not acquire the title until May, 1760, and thus Sampson Darrell, son of William, is shown on the map as the owner of the land.

Another exception to the 1760 land ownership shown on the map is George Mason's 2,000-acre tract on the Potomac beginning at Rocky Run opposite Mason's Island (in what is now Arlington County) and extending northwest along the river about three miles. Mason did not get clear title to some of this land until 1767.

Another area where land ownership is uncertain as of 1760 is the 3,500-acre tract on the Occoquan River shown on the map as Carter-Gregg. Although claimed by Robert Carter and his wife Frances of Westmoreland County, years later, after many lawsuits, claimants under the original patent of Gregg recovered title to the land.

Tracts owned by heirs of Robert "King" Carter are designated on the map simply as Carter. They include land owned by the Frying Pan Company, which had been formed in 1731 by Robert "King" Carter and members of his fam-

ily: the 10-acre Occoquan landing tract where the tobacco inspection warehouse was located on the north side of the river, and a 1,092-acre tract on Ox road called the "half-way" tract because it was halfway between the site of the 1731 copper mine and the Occoquan landing. For many years the Frying Pan Company also claimed ownership of the 3,500 acre tract on the Occoquan shown on the map as Carter-Gregg.

**Table I**  
**ALPHABETICAL LISTING OF LANDOWNERS,**  
**LEASEHOLDERS, AND TENANTS,**  
**AS SHOWN ON THE MAP**

(X=Acres not known; A=Lot in Alexandria; C=Lot in Colchester)

Name	Number of Acres Owned	Number of Acres Rented as a:		Number of Slaves Held
		Leaseholder	Tenant	
Adam, Robert	A			1
Adams, Abednigo	90			
Adams, Benjamin	346			
Adams, Sylvester		150		
Adams, William	100			
Alexander, Gerrard	4,248 & A			24
Alexander, John	2,300			12
Alexander, John	500			16
Alexon, Thomas			100	
Allen, Andrew			200	
Alliston, Bryan			X	
Ansdaie, Daniel			X	
Arrington, Wansford (heirs)	335			
Asbury, Thomas	110			3
Ashford, George	135			
Ashford, John	112			4
Ashford, Michael	151			
Ashford, William	135		100	
Ashton, Burdett	500			
Awbrey, John (heirs)	686			
Aylett, (heirs)	400			28
Baker, Thomas		103		
Ball, John	166			
Ball, Moses	91			
Ballinger, Frank			100	
Ballinger, William			100	
Barker, William	287			
Barnes, Abraham			X	6
Barnet, Judith		150		
Barnett, Richard	154			

Table I, continued

Name	Number of Acres Owned	Number of Acres Rented as a:		Number of Slaves Held
		Leaseholder	Tenant	
Barrett, Edward			X	
Barry, Edward (heirs)	900			9
Barry, John	110		X	
Bates, Edward		150		
Baxter, James			X	
Baylis, Thomas		150		
Baylis, William	C			
Bayly, William	570 & C			6
Beach, Thomas		200		1
Beckwith, Marmaduke	225			5
Beeler, Christopher	A			
Bennett, Joseph		100		
Berkley, John			X	18
Berkley, William	183	200		6
Blackburn, Edward	600			1
Blackburn, Richard	50			
Bogges, Henry			X	2
Bogges, John	123			
Bogges, Robert	876	100		18
Boswell, Thomas			X	
Boucher, George			X	
Bowling, Garrard		150		5
Bowmaker, James			X	
Boylstone, William		100	X	1
Bradley, Matthew			X	
Brasington, Samuel		X		
Brawner, John			X	
Brent, George	434			1
Broadwater, Charles	1,700	200		22
Bronaugh, Simpha Rosa	544	X		1
Bronaugh, William		X		3
Brook, Robert			X	
Brook, Sarah	400			
Brown, Richard		200		
Brown, William			X	
Brummitt, William			X	6

Table I, continued

Name	Number of Acres Owned	Number of Acres Rented as a:		Number of Slaves Held
		Leaseholder	Tenant	
Bryan, Thomas			X	
Buckland, William			X	
Burk, William		100		
Butler, Edmund			X	2
Butsell, William			X	
Canterbury, Samuel	170			10
Carlyle, John	1,100 & A		X	27
Carlyle and Dalton	A			
Carney, John		200		
Carpenter, Ann	167			
Carpenter, George	C			
Carr, William	217			
Carroll, Joseph			X	
Carter, Peter			X	2
Carter, Robert (heirs)	9,267			10
Cash, Joseph	273	150		
Chapman, Nathaniel	747 & A			10
Chew, Mercy	A			
Church, Thomas			X	
Clifton, William	2,300			12
Cocke, Catesby	1,366			28
Cockerill, John		200		6
Cockerill, Joseph		120		
Coffer, Thomas W.	378			5
Collum, Henry		150		
Collum, Henry		100		
Colter, Thomas		100		
Colville, John (heirs)	4,000			41
Colville, Thomas	1,056			21
Connell, James	A			
Connell, Thomas	240			
Conner, Edward	C			
Conner, Samuel	200			4
Cotton, John		100		1
Cotton, William			X	
Cox, Presley			X	

Table I, continued

Name	Number of Acres Owned	Number of Acres Rented as a:		Number of Slaves Held
		Leaseholder	Tenant	
Crook, John			X	
Crump, Adam (heirs)	1,587			
Crump, William		100		
Dade, Baldwin	400			6
Dade, Townshend	400			8
Dalton, John	450 & A			12
Dalton, Robert	A			
Darne, Henry	70			
Darne, Thomas	70	200		
Darrell, Sampson	1,468			4
Davis, Edward			150	
Davis, Joseph			X	
Davis, William	290			
Davy, William		150		
Demoville, Sampson			X	
Deneale, James	552			2
Denty, J.			X	2
Diggs, William	A			
Donaldson, James		170		4
Donaldson, William		100		
Dorsey, Greenberry			X	
Douglas, Thomas		X		
Douglas, William			X	2
Dowdall, Thomas		190		
Doyle, Edward	80			
Doyle, James	80	100		
Doyle, Owen			X	
Dozier, James Ingoe	635 & C			1
Dozier, Leonard	225			4
Due, Thomas	133			
Duel, Charles			100	
Dulin, Elizabeth (widow)			200	3
Dulin, John		100		1
Duncan, Blancheflower	319			
Earp, America		X		
Earp, Matthew			X	

Table I, continued

Name	Number of Acres Owned	Number of Acres Rented as a:		Number of Slaves Held
		Leaseholder	Tenant	
Earp, Thomas		X		
Edwards, James		56		
Elkins, Benjamin			X	
Ellzey, Lewis	1,678			18
Ellzey, William	578			
English, Walter		244		
Ewell, Bertrand	219			
Fairfax, Bryan	7,815			10
Fairfax, George William	1,314 & A			15
Fairfax, Hannah	960			5
Falkner, Thomas	253			
Farmer, James		150		
Ferguson, John		150		6
Ferguson, Joshua		100		5
Ferguson, William			X	
Fitzhugh, Henry	12,000			38
Fitzhugh, John	918			
Fitzhugh, William	12,000			38
Fitzhugh, William	500			
Fitzhugh, William	A			
Ford, John	616			1
Ford, Thomas	568			
French, Daniel (the elder)	468			4
French, Daniel, Jr.	1,780			60
Frizzel, William			X	
Gardenshire, Jacob	C			
Gardner, Joseph			X	4
Gardner, William		130		
Garrett, Nicholas		200		
Gates, Isaac			X	
Gates, William			X	
Gilmore, William			X	
Gist, John		106		2
Gist, (widow)		200		

Table I, continued

Name	Number of Acres Owned	Number of Acres Rented as a:		Number of Slaves Held
		Leaseholder	Tenant	
Gladden, John (heirs)	600			2
Gladden, William			X	
Goar, Thomas			X	
Gowring, Matthew			100	
Grafford, Thomas		107		
Gray, John		100		
Grayson, Benjamin	1,000 & C	50		14
Grayson, Susannah	484			
Gregg, John	100			
Green, Charles	300			12
Griffith, Charles		150		
Grimes, Nicholas			200	
Grimes, Philip			100	
Grimes, William (heirs)		150		4
Grimsley, James	77			
Gunnell, Henry	400			2
Gunnell, William	800			4
Gwyn, Peter		150		
Halbert, Thomas		200		
Hall, Jacob			X	
Hall, Michael			100	
Halley, Benoni		100		4
Halley, James, Jr.	230			
Halley, James, Sr.	459			
Halley, William	230			
Hamilton, John (heirs)	500			4
Hammond, Gervais			100	
Hampton, John	202			4
Harbin, William		100		
Hardin, William	525			4
Hardwick, James		100		
Hargiss, Abraham	161			
Harrison, Burr	250			7
Harrison, (heirs)	250			8
Harrison, Mary	600			
Harrison, Nathaniel	A			



Table I, continued

Name	Number of Acres Owned	Number of Acres Rented as a:		Number of Slaves Held
		Leaseholder	Tenant	
Harrison, Thomas	A			
Harrison, Thomas, Jr.	663			
Hayes, William		X		
Henderson, Alexander	C			3
Hereford, George	125			1
Hereford, Henry	125			1
Higgerson, John		100		
Hollis, John		205		
Horseman, William			100	
Hunt, John			X	
Hunter, John			X	17
Hurst, John		150		4
Hurst, John		100		
Jackson, C. M.	102			
Jackson, James			X	
Jackson, John		400		4
Jacobs, Joseph		184		
Jacobs, Joseph, Jr.	114			
Javins, Joseph			X	
Jenkins, Ezekiel		150		
Jenkins, James		150		
Jenkins, John		150		
Jenkins, Samuel		200		
Jennings, Daniel, Jr.	1,053			8
Jennings, James	325			9
Johnson, Samuel	185			
Johnston, George	A			15
Johnston, Samuel		250		8
Johnston, William			X	
Jones, Charles			X	
Keen, James	657			9
Keith, James	1,025			8
Keith, John			X	
Kelly, James	210			
Kent, John	72			
Kent, Richard	72			

Table I, continued

Name	Number of Acres Owned	Number of Acres Rented as a:		Number of Slaves Held
		Leaseholder	Tenant	
Kent, William	72			
Kincheloe, William	300			
King, Samuel			X	
King, William	100			
Kirk, Grafton			X	
Kitchen, William		100		
Ladd, Benjamin			X	
Landman, George			X	
Lay, Abraham		150		1
Lee, Francis L.	800			20
Lee, Philip Ludwell	3,008			20
Lee, Richard	500			
Lee, Thomas Ludwell	3,600			20
Lewis, Sarah		200		
Lewis, Stephen (heirs)	208			9
Lewis, Thomas	200			
Lewis, Thomas			100	
Lewis, Thomas (heirs)	1,371			
Lindsay, Robert		100		
Lindsay, Robert		300		
Linton, William (heirs)	166			
Littlejohn, Marcellus		140		
Littlejohn, Samuel			X	
Love, Thomas		100		
Loyd, Robert			X	
Lucas, Thomas			X	
Macrae, Allan	A			
Manley, Harrison	142			4
Marshall, Thomas H.	480			12
Martin, Frances (widow)			150	2
Martin, George	100			
Martin, James	100			
Martin, John, Jr.	100			
Martin, Joseph	100			
Mason, French	500			1
Mason, George (of Pohick)	500			1

Table I, continued

Name	Number of Acres Owned	Number of Acres Rented as a:		Number of Slaves Held
		Leaseholder	Tenant	
Mason, George	8,280 & A			22
Massey, Lettice		200		1
Masterson, Edward	7			7
Mayson, Ann	A			
McCarty, Daniel	3,000			24
McClocklin, John		100		
McIntosh, John	C			1
Mercer, George	1,122 & A			9
Mercer, James	1,122			9
Middleton, Benjamin	102			
Mills, Daniel			200	
Mills, Robert		200		
Minor, Jemima	261			8
Moncure, John	547			
Monk, John	466			
Monk, Thomas	466			
Monroe, John	600			2
Monroe, Thomas			X	3
Monteith, James		200		
Moon, William		188		
Moore, James	200			
Moore, William	280	100		4
Morris, Owen			X	
Moss, John		X		
Moxley, Daniel	50			2
Moxley, James		100		2
Moxley, Robert		130		
Moxley, Samuel		100		
Moxley, Samuel		170		1
Muir, John	A			
Nation, William			X	
Neale, (widow)			150	11
Neale, (heirs)	50			
Neale, Daniel	319			16
Neale, Spence			160	
Newell, Benjamin			X	

Table I, continued

Name	Number of Acres Owned	Number of Acres Rented as a:		Number of Slaves Held
		Leaseholder	Tenant	
Nichols, George			X	
Nichols, Solomon	220			
Noland, James		100		
Noland, P.	30			
North, Jean			X	4
O'Daniel, John	200			2
Oldham, Samuel	600			
Owens, John		150		
Pagan, John	758 & A			
Patterson, Elizabeth	200			
Paul, James			X	
Payne, Edward	801			2
Payne, Sanford			X	
Payne, William		6		12
Payne, William, Jr.			180	
Peake, John			X	6
Peake, William	664			12
Pearson, Simon	3,379			10
Pearson, Thomas	652			2
Peill, Philip	C			
Penn, John			X	
Perkins, John			X	
Perkins, William			X	
Pettit, Thomas			X	
Peyton, John	A			
Piper, David			X	3
Piper, H.	A			
Pollard, Joseph	450			12
Poole, William			X	
Popejoy, Nathaniel		200		
Popejoy, Nathaniel		125		
Posey, John	351			9
Pound, Morris	C			
Pratt, Leonard			100	
Price, John			X	
Prim, Kitchen			200	2

Table I, continued

Name	Number of Acres Owned	Number of Acres Rented as a:		Number of Slaves Held
		Leaseholder	Tenant	
Ramey, Sanford		200		4
Ramsey, William	750 & A			13
Randall, Hannah A.	234			
Ransom, Elizabeth			X	
Ransom, Richard			X	
Ratcliff, John		X		5
Ray, John, Sr.	119			
Reagan, Michael	607			2
Reardon, Henry			X	
Reardon, William			X	4
Reid, Absalom			X	
Reid, Joseph	400			
Rhodes, John			X	
Richards, William			100	
Riley, John, Jr.	120			
Riley, Peter	120			
Robertson, James	1,715			5
Robertson, John	212			
Rogers, Richard	137			
Rood, Edward			X	
Rusing, John			100	
Russell, Anthony	300			
Salkeld, Henry (heirs)	A			
Sanford, Richard	200			2
Sanford, Robert	200			6
Sanford, Willoughby	75			
Sarter, John	100			
Sarter, John Peter	100			
Saunders, James	125			
Saunders, Lewis	98			
Saunders, Philip			X	
Saunders, William	125			
Scandret, Thomas (heirs)	75			
Scott, James	3,241			10
Scott, William		100		
Sebastian, Benjamin	200 & A			4

Table I, continued

Name	Number of Acres Owned	Number of Acres Rented as a:		Number of Slaves Held
		Leaseholder	Tenant	
Sewell, William	A			
Shaw, Thomas	276			4
Sheredine, John		200		2
Shortridge, George			X	
Shortridge, John			X	
Shortridge, William	46	103		
Simpson, Baxter	200			
Simpson, George	256			4
Simpson, Gilbert, Jr.	100			
Simpson, Gilbert, Sr.		150		
Simpson, Josias			X	
Simpson, Moses	323			8
Simpson, Richard	393			14
Simpson, William	123			
Singleton, Stanley	300			
Skelton, Joseph	A			
Slaughter, Robert	600			
Smith, James (heirs)	550			3
Smith, Thomas			X	14
Smith, William (heirs)	300			4
Snowden, John		150		
Southerd, Benjamin		134		
Sparrow, Matthew			100	
Spence, John (estate)			200	8
Spinks, John			X	
Spurling, Jeremiah		100		
Spurling, Jeremiah		106		
Stephens, Joseph	223			
Stephens, Richard			X	
Steptoe, James (heirs)	943			24
Stone, Eli			180	
Stone, John			100	
Stone, Samuel	304			
Stone, William		100		
Story, Charles			X	
Sturman, Richard	190			

Table I, continued

Name	Number of Acres Owned	Number of Acres Rented as a:		Number of Slaves Held
		Leaseholder	Tenant	
Summers, Francis	200			8
Summers, John	621	100		
Summers, John, Jr.	250	100		
Summers, William	150			
Swallow, John		52		
Talbot, Benjamin			X	
Talbot, Daniel			X	
Talbot, Daniel		200		
Talbot, Samuel			X	
Talbot, William		150		4
Tayloe/Thornton/Ballendine	150			
Taylor, George	200			2
Taylor, Henry			X	2
Taylor, James	100			
Taylor, William			X	
Terrett, Margaret	256			
Terrett, William Henry	1,771 & A			18
Thomas, Daniel			X	2
Thomas, David		150		
Thomas, Robert			100	
Thomas, Sarah			X	
Thornton, Frances		200		
Thrift, Charles	288	100		4
Thrift, Charles		220		
Thrift, George		708		
Thrift, George		107		
Thrift, Jeremiah			X	
Tillett, George	189			
Tillett, James			X	2
Tillett, John	188			
Tillett, Samuel	184	250		2
Trammell, Gerrard		200		1
Trammell, John	449			7
Trammell, Philip		130		
Trammell, Sampson	248			7
Trammell, William			X	

Table I, continued

Name	Number of Acres Owned	Number of Acres Rented as a:		Number of Slaves Held
		Leaseholder	Tenant	
Triplett, Elizabeth			X	2
Triplett, William		150		
Turberville, John	2,800			16
Turley, James	100	200		
Turley, Jane	400			1
Turley, Jane (widow)	453			4
Turley, Paul		200		4
Turley, Peter		250		2
Turley, Sampson		250		8
Tyler, Benjamin	83			
Vallandigham, Michael		100		
Veale, Bond	144			
Veale, William			X	6
Violett, Edward	90			2
Wade, Valinda	250			6
Wagener, Peter	351 & C			14
Waite, William	A			
Ward, John		X		
Warden, James	250			
Warner, Jane		200		
Washington, Charles	708			
Washington, Edward	400	200		9
Washington, George	2,298			88
Washington, L. (heirs)	A			
Watkins, Joseph	602			2
Watson, Henry	288			
Watts, (heirs)	600			10
Waugh, James	933			
Waugh, Travers	378			
Waugh, Tyler	933			
West, Charles	484			
West, Hugh (heirs)	A			
West, Hugh, Jr.	360 & A			6
West, John (Col.)	1,200			15
West, John, Jr.	1,440 & A			25
West, Sybil	71			



Table I, continued

Name	Number of Acres Owned	Number of Acres Rented as a:		Number of Slaves Held
		Leaseholder	Tenant	
West, Sybil (widow)	107			6
West, Thomas	A			
West, William	436			
West, William (Loudoun)	167			
Whaley, James		100		
Wheeler, Drummond	100			4
Wigginton, Sarah		150		2
Wilkinson, Benjamin	548			
Willet, Edward			X	1
Williams, Benjamin			X	
Williams, Edward		150		
Williams, John			X	
Williams, John		150		
Williams, Owen	288	100		6
Williams, Thomas			X	
Williams, William		103		
Windsor, Thomas	231		X	2
Windsor, William (heirs)	112			
Wisehart, Henry	75			
Woodbridge, John (Capt.)	2,040			22
Woodward, Thomas		188		
Wormly, Ralph	A			
Wren, James	200	200		
Wren, Thomas		200		6
Wren, Thomas		200		
Wright, Henry			X	
Wright, William	71			2
Wickliff, Robert	333			
Young, William	A			

**Table II**  
**LANDOWNERS IN FAIRFAX COUNTY, VIRGINIA, IN 1760,**  
**BY NUMBER OF ACRES OWNED, LISTED IN DESCENDING**  
**ORDER, WITH A SEPARATE LIST OF LOT OWNERS IN**  
**THE TOWNS OF ALEXANDRIA AND COLCHESTER**

(NNG = Northern Neck Grant, P = Purchased,  
 I = Inherited or by marriage)

Total Acres	Number of Pieces of Land Owned	How Land Acquired	Name of Owner	Number of Slaves
12,000	1	I	Fitzhugh, Henry	38
12,000	1	I	Fitzhugh, William	38
9,267	7	I	Carter, Robert (heirs)	
8,280	10	I; P	Mason, George	22
7,815	3	I	Fairfax, Bryan	10
4,248	4	I; P	Alexander, Gerrard	24
4,100	2	I	Gregg, John (heirs)	0
4,000	4	I	Colville, John (heirs)	41
3,600	1	I	Lee, Thomas Ludwell	20
3,379	4	I	Pearson, Simon	10
3,241	3	I	Scott, James	10
3,008	2	I	Lee, Philip Ludwell	20
3,000	1	I	McCarty, Daniel	24
2,800	3	I	Turberville, John	16
2,300	2	I	Alexander, John	12
2,300	2	I; P	Clifton, William	12
2,298	2	I	Washington, George	88
2,040	2	I; P	Woodbridge, John (Capt.)	22
1,780	4	P	French, Daniel	60
1,771	1	I	Terrett, William Henry	18
1,715	2	NNG	Robertson, James	5
1,700	3	I	Broadwater, Charles	22
1,678	2	NNG; P	Ellzey, Lewis	18
1,587	1	I	Crump, Adam (heirs)	0
1,468	5	I	Darrell, Sampson	4
1,440	5	I	West, John, Jr.	26
1,371	1	I	Lewis, Thomas (heirs)	0
1,366	4	NNG; P	Cocke, Catesby	28

Table II, continued

Total Acres	Number of Pieces of Land Owned	How Land Acquired	Name of Owner	Number of Slaves
1,314	1	I	Fairfax, George William	15
1,200	3	I	West, John (Col.)	3
1,122	2	I	Mercer, George	9
1,122	2	I	Mercer, James	9
1,100	4	P	Carlyle, John	27
1,056	1	I	Colville, Thomas	21
1,053	2	I	Jennings, Daniel, Jr.	8
1,025	1	P	Keith, James	8
1,000	1	I	Grayson, Benjamin	14
960	1	I	Fairfax, Hannah	5
943	1	I	Steptoe, James (heirs)	24
933	1	I	Waugh, James	0
933	1	I	Waugh, Tyler	0
918	2	NNG	Fitzhugh, John	0
900	2	I	Barry, Edward (heirs)	9
876	2	P	Bogges, Robert	18
801	1	I; P	Payne, Edward	2
800	2	I	Gunnell, William	4
800	1	I	Lee, Francis L.	20
758	2	P	Pagan, John	0
750	1	P	Ramsay, William	13
747	3	I; P	Chapman, Nathaniel	3
708	1	P	Washington, Charles	0
686	2	P	Awbrey, John (heirs)	0
664	3	P	Peake, William	12
663	1	NNG	Harrison, Thomas, Jr.	0
657	1	NNG; P	Keen, James	9
652	1	I	Pearson, Thomas	2
635	2	P	Dozier, James Ingoe	1
621	2	NNG	Summers, John	0
616	1	I	Ford, John	1
607	2	P	Reagan, Michael	2
602	1	P	Watkins, Joseph	2
600	2	I	Blackburn, Edward	1
600	2	I	Gladden, John (heirs)	0
600	2	I	Harrison, Mary	0

Table II, continued

Total Acres	Number of Pieces of Land Owned	How Land Acquired	Name of Owner	Number of Slaves
600	2	I	Monroe, John	2
600	1	P	Oldham, Samuel	0
600	2	I	Slaughter, Robert	0
600	1	I	Watts, (heirs)	10
586	2	NNG; P	Ellzey, William	0
570	2	P	Bayly, William	6
568	1	NNG; P	Ford, Thomas	0
552	1	I	Deneale, James	2
550	2	I	Smith, James (heirs)	3
548	1	P	Wilkinson, Benjamin	0
547	1	P	Moncure, John	0
544	1	P	Bronaugh, Simpha Rosa	1
525	1	P	Hardin, William	4
500	1	I	Alexander, John	16
500	1	I	Ashton, Burdett	0
500	1	I	Fitzhugh, William	0
500	1	I	Hamilton, John (heirs)	0
500	1	P	Lee, Richard	0
500	1	I	Mason, French	1
500	1	I	Mason, George (of Pohick)	1
484	1	I	Grayson, Susannah	0
484	1	I	West, Charles	0
480	1	I	Marshall, Thomas H.	12
468	2	I	French, Daniel (the elder; heirs)	4
466	1	I	Monk, John	0
466	1	I	Monk, Thomas	0
460	1	P	Stuart, David	0
459	2	NNG; P; I	Halley, James	0
453	1	I	Turley, Jane (widow)	4
450	2	P	Dalton, John	12
450	1	P	Pollard, Joseph	12
449	2	I	Trammell, John	7
436	1	I	West, William	0
434	1	I	Brent, George	1
400	1	I	Aylett, (heirs)	28
400	1	I	Brook, Sarah	0

Table II, continued

Total Acres	Number of Pieces of Land Owned	How Land Acquired	Name of Owner	Number of Slaves
400	1	I	Dade, Baldwin	6
400	1	I	Dade, Townshend	8
400	1	I	Gunnell, Henry	2
400	1	I	Reid, Joseph	0
400	1	I	Turley, Jane	1
400	1	P	Washington, Edward	9
393	2	NNG; P	Simpson, Richard	14
378	1	I	Waugh, Travers	0
360	1	I	West, Hugh, Jr.	6
351	1	P	Posey, John	9
351	1	P	Wagener, Peter	14
346	1	P	Adams, Benjamin	0
335	1	I	Arrington, Wansford (heirs)	0
333	1	P	Wycliff, Robert	0
325	1	I	Jennings, James	9
323	1	NNG	Simpson, Moses	8
319	1	I	Duncan, Blancheflower	0
319	1	I	Neale, Daniel	16
304	1	NNG	Stone, Samuel	0
300	1	P	Green, Charles	12
300	1	I	Kincheloe, William	0
300	1	I	Russell, Anthony	0
300	1	I	Singleton, Stanley	0
300	1	I	Smith, William (heirs)	4
290	1	P	Davis, William	0
288	1	P	Thrift, Charles	4
288	1	NNG	Watson, Henry	0
288	1	P	Williams, Owen	6
287	1	NNG	Barker, William	0
280	1	NNG	Moore, William	4
276	1	P	Shaw, Thomas	4
273	1	P	Cash, Joseph	0
261	2	I; P	Minor, Jemima	8
256	1	NNG	Simpson, George	4
256	1	I	Terrett, Margaret	0
253	1	I	Falkner, Thomas	0

Table II, continued

Total Acres	Number of		Name of Owner	Number of Slaves
	Pieces of Land Owned	How Land Acquired		
250	1	I	Harrison, Burr	7
250	1	I	Harrison, (heirs)	8
250	1	I; P	Summers, John, Jr.	0
250	1	I	Wade, Valinda	6
250	1	P	Warden, James	0
248	1	I	Trammell, Sampson	7
240	1	I	Connell, Thomas	0
234	1	I	Randall, Hannah A.	0
231	1	NNG; I	Windsor, Thomas	2
230	1	I	Halley, James, Jr.	0
230	1	I	Halley, William	0
225	1	P	Beckwith, Marmaduke	5
225	1	P	Dozier, Leonard	4
223	1	I	Stephens, Joseph	0
220	1	P	Nichols, Solomon	0
219	1	P	Ewell, Bertrand	0
217	1	P	Carr, William	0
212	1	NNG; I	Robertson, John	0
210	1	P	Kelly, James	0
208	2	I	Lewis, Stephen (heirs)	9
206	1	I	Trenn, (heirs)	0
202	1	P	Hampton, John	4
200	1	P	Sebastian, Benjamin	4
200	1	NNG	Conner, Samuel	4
200	2	I	O'Daniel, John (heirs)	2
200	1	I	Moore, James	1
200	1	I	Lewis, Thomas	0
200	1	I	Patterson, Elizabeth	1
200	1	I	Sanford, Richard	2
200	1	I	Sanford, Robert	6
200	1	I	Simpson, Baxter	0
200	1	P	Summers, Francis	8
200	1	P	Wren, James	0
197	1	I	Adams, William	0
190	1	I	Sturman, Richard	0
189	1	I	Tillett, George	0

Table II, continued

Total Acres	Number of Pieces of Land Owned	How Land Acquired	Name of Owner	Number of Slaves
189	1	I	Tillett, John	0
185	1	P	Johnson, Samuel	0
184	1	I	Tillett, Samuel	2
183	1	NNG	Berkley, William	6
170	1	NNG; P	Canterbury, Samuel	10
167	1	I	Carpenter, Ann	1
167	1	P	West, William	0
166	1	NNG	Ball, John	0
166	1	I	Linton, William (heirs)	0
161	1	P	Hargiss, Abraham	0
154	1	I	Barnett, Richard	0
153	1	I	Reid, Absalom	0
151	1	I	Ashford, Michael	0
150	1	P	Hamilton, James	0
150	1	P	Musgrove, (heirs)	0
150	1	P	Tayloe/Thornton/Ballendine	0
144	1	P	Veale, Bond	0
142	1	I; P	Manley, Harrison	4
140	1	I	West, Sybil	1
137	1	P	Rogers, Richard	0
135	1	I	Ashford, George	0
135	1	I	Ashford, William	0
133	1	P	Due, Thomas	0
130	1	I	Summers, William	0
125	1	I	Hereford, George	1
125	1	I	Hereford, Henry	1
125	1	I	Saunders, James	0
125	1	I	Saunders, William	0
123	1	P	Bogges, John	0
123	1	I	Simpson, William	0
120	1	I	Riley, John, Jr.	0
120	1	I	Riley, Peter	0
119	1	P	Ray, John	1
114	1	I	Jacobs, Joseph, Jr.	0
112	1	I	Ashford, John	4
112	1	I	Windsor, William (heirs)	0

Table II, continued

Total Acres	Number of Pieces of Land Owned	How Land Acquired	Name of Owner	Number of Slaves
110	1	I	Asbury, Thomas	3
110	1	I	Barry, John	0
107	1	I	West, Sybil (widow)	5
102	1	I	Jackson, Christopher M.	0
102	1	I	Middleton, Benjamin	0
100	1	P	King, William	0
100	1	I	Kirkland, Edward	1
100	1	I	Martin, George	0
100	1	I	Martin, James	0
100	1	I	Martin, John, Jr.	0
100	1	I	Martin, Joseph	0
100	1	I	Sarter, John Peter	1
100	1	P	Sarter, Peter	0
100	1	I	Simpson, Gilbert, Jr.	0
100	1	I	Turley, James	0
100	1	I	Wheeler, Drummond	4
98	1	NNG	Saunders, Lewis	0
91	1	NNG	Ball, Moses	0
90	1	I	Adams, Abednigo	0
90	1	P	Violet, Edward	2
83	1	P	Tyler, Benjamin	0
80	1	I	Doyle, Edward	0
80	1	I	Doyle, James	0
77	1	I	Grimsley, James	0
77	1	P	Wright, William	2
75	1	P	Sanford, Willoughby	0
75	1	I	Scandret, Thomas (heirs)	0
75	1	P	Wisehart, Henry	0
72	1	I	Kent, John	0
72	1	I	Kent, Richard	0
72	1	I	Kent, William	0
70	1	I	Darne, Henry	0
70	1	NNG	Darne, Thomas	0
50	1	P	Blackburn, Richard	0
50	1	I	Moxley, Daniel	2
50	1	I	Neale, (heirs)	0



Table II, continued

Total Acres	Number of Pieces of Land Owned	How Land Acquired	Name of Owner	Number of Slaves
46	1	P	Shortridge, William	0
30	1	I	Noland, Philip	0
7	1	P	Masterson, Edward	7

## LOT OWNERS IN TOWNS OF ALEXANDRIA AND COLCHESTER

Owner	Location	Number of Slaves (if only owned land in town)
Adam, Robert	Alexandria	1
Alexander, Gerrard	Alexandria	
Baylis, William	Colchester	
Bayly, William	Colchester	
Beeler, Christopher	Alexandria	
Carlyle, John	Alexandria	
Carlyle and Dalton	Alexandria	
Carpenter, George	Colchester	
Chapman, Nathaniel	Alexandria	
Chew, Mercy	Alexandria	
Connell, James	Alexandria	
Conner, Edward	Colchester	
Dalton, John	Alexandria	
Dalton, Robert	Alexandria	
Diggs, William	Alexandria	
Dozier, James Ingoe	Colchester	
Fairfax, George William	Alexandria	
Fitzhugh, William	Alexandria	
Gardenshire, Jacob	Colchester	
Grayson, Benjamin	Colchester	
Harrison, Nathaniel	Alexandria	
Harrison, Thomas	Alexandria	
Henderson, Alexander	Colchester	3
Johnston, George	Alexandria	15
Macrae, Allan	Alexandria	

Table II, continued

Owner	Location	Number of Slaves (if only owned land in town)
Mason, George	Alexandria	
Mayson, Ann	Alexandria	
McIntosh, John	Colchester	1
Mercer, George	Alexandria	
Muir, John	Alexandria	
Pagan, John	Alexandria	
Peill, Philip	Colchester	
Peyton, John	Alexandria	
Piper, Harry	Alexandria	
Pound, Morris	Colchester	
Ramsay, William	Alexandria	
Salkeld, Henry (heirs)	Alexandria	
Sebastian, Benjamin	Alexandria	
Sewell, William	Alexandria	
Skelton, Joseph	Alexandria	
Terrett, William H.	Alexandria	
Wagener, Peter	Colchester	
Waite, William	Alexandria	
Washington, Lawrence (heirs)	Alexandria	
West, Hugh, Jr.	Alexandria	
West, Hugh (heirs)	Alexandria	
West, John	Alexandria	
West, Thomas	Alexandria	
Wormly, Ralph	Alexandria	
Young, William	Alexandria	

**Table III**  
**FAIRFAX COUNTY LANDOWNERS,**  
**WITH TENANTS, IN 1760**

**ALEXANDER, GERRARD**

Bates, Edward  
 Boucher, George  
 Boylstone, William  
 Bradley, Matthew  
 Butsell, William  
 Mills, Robert  
 Morris, Owen  
 Smith, Thomas  
 Story, Charles  
 Thrift, Charles  
 Trammell, Philip  
 Vallandingham, Michael  
 Williams, Benjamin  
 Williams, John

**ALEXANDER, JOHN**

Moxley, Samuel  
 North, Jean

**ALEXANDER, JOHN**

Jones, Charles

**ASHFORD, WILLIAM**

Southerd, Benjamin

**BECKWITH, MARMADUKE**

Jackson, James

**BOGGESE, ROBERT**

Penn, John  
 Ransom, Richard

**BRENT, GEORGE**

Simpson, Josias

**BROADWATER, CHARLES**

Harbin, William

**BRONAUGH, SIMPHA ROSA**

Barry, John

**CARLYLE, JOHN**

Boswell, John

**CARPENTER, ANN**

Kirk, Grafton

**CARTER, ROBERT**

Jackson, John  
 Lucas, Thomas  
 Owens, John  
 Shortridge, George  
 Shortridge, John  
 Thrift, Charles

**CHAPMAN, NATHANIEL**

Hunter, John

**CLIFTON, WILLIAM**

Carney, John  
 Johnston, Samuel  
 King, Samuel  
 Rood, Edward  
 Sheredine, John  
 Simpson, Gilbert, Sr.  
 Snowden, John  
 Taylor, George  
 Taylor, Henry  
 Warner, Jane  
 Williams, Edward

Table III, continued

**COCKE, CATESBY**

Bogges, Henry  
 Gilmore, William  
 Lindsay, Robert  
 Wright, Henry

**COLVILL, THOMAS**

Cockerill, Joseph  
 Summers, John, Jr.

**CONNER, SAMUEL**

Denty, J.

**DADE, BALDWIN**

Spinks, John

**DALTON, JOHN**

Bryan, Thomas  
 Taylor, William

**DARRELL, SAMPSON**

Burk, William  
 Cockerill, John  
 Colter, Thomas  
 Darne, Thomas  
 Gist, John  
 Gist, (widow)  
 McClocklin, John  
 Williams, Owen

**DOZIER, JAMES INGOE**

Edwards, James  
 Piper, David

**ELLZEY, LEWIS**

Williams, Thomas

**ELLZEY, WILLIAM**

Lindsay, Robert

**FAIRFAX, BRYAN**

Dowdall, Thomas  
 Massey, Lettice

**FITZHUGH, HENRY**

Alexon, Thomas  
 Allen, Andrew  
 Ashford, William  
 Ballinger, William  
 Beach, Thomas  
 Crump, William  
 Davis, Edward  
 Donaldson, William  
 Duel, Charles  
 Dulin, Elizabeth (widow)  
 Dulin, John  
 Gowing, Matthew  
 Gray, John  
 Grimes, Nicholas  
 Grimes, Philip  
 Hall, Michael  
 Hammond, Gervais  
 Hollis, John  
 Horseman, William  
 Lewis, Thomas  
 Martin, Frances (widow)  
 Mills, Daniel  
 Moxley, James  
 Neale, (widow)  
 Payne, Sanford  
 Payne, William  
 Payne, William, Jr.  
 Prat, Leonard  
 Prim, Kitchen  
 Ramey, Sanford  
 Ratcliff, John  
 Richards, William  
 Rusing, John  
 Sparrow, Matthew

**Table III, continued**

Spence, John (estate)  
 Stone, Eli  
 Stone, John  
 Talbot, Daniel  
 Talbot, William  
 Thomas, Robert

**FITZHUGH, JOHN**

Baker, Thomas  
 Spurling, Jeremiah  
 Williams, William

**FORD, JOHN**

Nicholas, George  
 Tillett, James

**FRENCH, DANIEL  
(THE ELDER)**

Cox, Presley

**GLADDEN, JOHN (HEIRS)**

Ansdale, Daniel  
 Gladden, William

**GRAYSON, BENJAMIN**

Demoville, Sampson  
 Johnston, William  
 Keith, John  
 Perkins, William  
 Price, John  
 Talbot, Samuel

**HARRISON (HEIRS)**

Higgerson, John  
 Popejoy, Nathaniel  
 Whaley, James

**HARRISON, MARY**

Rhodes, John

**HARRISON, THOMAS, JR.**

Butler, Edmund  
 Davy, William  
 Farmer, James  
 Gwyn, Peter  
 Thomas, David

**JENNINGS, DANIEL, JR.**

Brawner, John  
 Frizzell, William  
 Thrift, Jeremiah  
 Triplett, Elizabeth

**LEWIS, STEPHEN**

Garrett, Nicholas

**LEWIS, THOMAS (HEIRS)**

Douglas, William

**LINTON (HEIRS)**

Church, Thomas

**MCCARTY, DANIEL**

Barnes, Abraham  
 Baylis, Thomas  
 Gates, Isaac  
 Hall, Jacob  
 Loyd, Robert

**MASON, FRENCH**

Carroll, Joseph  
 Elkins, Benjamin  
 Monteith, James  
 Ransom, Richard

**Table III, continued****MASON, GEORGE  
(OF POHICK)**

Bogges, Robert  
 Brook, Robert  
 Grayson, Benjamin

**MASON, GEORGE**

Bennett, Joseph  
 Brasington, Samuel  
 Bronaugh, Simpha Rosa  
 Bronaugh, William  
 Brummitt, William  
 Buckland, William  
 Cash, Joseph  
 Collum, Henry  
 Cotton, John  
 Cotton, William  
 Doyle, James  
 Earp, America  
 Earp, Thomas  
 Ferguson, John  
 Ferguson, Joshua  
 Gardner, Joseph  
 Gardner, William  
 Griffith, Charles  
 Halbert, Thomas  
 Halley, Benoni  
 Hardwick, James  
 Hayes, William  
 Kitchen, William  
 Love, Thomas  
 Moore, William  
 Moxley, Robert  
 Moxley, Samuel  
 Noland, James  
 Reardon, Henry  
 Scott, William  
 Stone, William  
 Talbot, Benjamin

Taylor, James  
 Ward, John  
 Washington, Edward

**MINOR, JEMIMA**  
Carlyle, John**MONCURE, JOHN**  
Talbot, Daniel**MONROE, JOHN**  
Monroe, Thomas**MONK, JOHN**  
Turley, Sampson**MONK, THOMAS**  
Berkley, William  
Turley, Paul**MOORE, WILLIAM**  
Littlejohn, Marcellus**MUSGROVE (HEIRS)**  
Hunt, John**NEALE, DANIEL**  
Neale, Spence**PEAKE, WILLIAM**  
Peake, John**PEARSON, SIMON**  
Adams, Silvester  
Bowling, Garrard  
Broadwater, Charles  
Collum, Henry  
Dorsey, Greenberry

**Table III, continued**

Grimes, William (heirs)  
 Hurst, John  
 Lay, Abraham  
 Perkins, John  
 Trammell, William  
 Williams, John  
 Willett, Edward  
 Wren, Thomas

**PEARSON, THOMAS**

Saunders, Philip

**POSEY, JOHN**

Javins, Joseph  
 Lewis, Sarah  
 Swallow, John  
 Thrift, George

**REAGAN, MICHAEL**

Grafford, Thomas  
 Newell, Benjamin

**ROBERTSON, JAMES**

Bowmaker, James  
 Boylstone, William  
 Earp, Matthew

**RUSSELL, ANTHONY**

Doyle, Owen

**SCOTT, JAMES**

Brown, William  
 Davis, Joseph  
 Donaldson, James  
 Jenkins, Ezekiel  
 Jenkins, James  
 Jenkins, John  
 Jenkins, Samuel  
 Moon, William

Popejoy, Nathaniel  
 Reid, Absalom  
 Trammell, Gerrard  
 Woodward, Thomas  
 Wren, James  
 Wren, Thomas

**SMITH, JAMES (HEIRS)**

Landman, George

**SUMMERS, JOHN**

Ferguson, William

**TERRETT, MARGARET**

Summers, John

**TERRETT, WILLIAM HENRY**

Ballinger, Frank  
 Ladd, Benjamin  
 Thomas, Sarah

**TILLETT, SAMUEL**

Jacobs, Joseph

**TRAMMELL, SAMPSON**

English, Walter

**TRENN (HEIRS)**

Paul, James

**TURBERVILLE, JOHN**

Shortridge, William

**TURLEY, JANE**

Thornton, Frances

**VEALE, BOND**

Littlejohn, Samuel

**Table III, continued****WADE, VALINDA**

Barrett, Edward

**WASHINGTON, CHARLES**

Thrift, George

**WASHINGTON, GEORGE**

Crook, John

Gates, William

Nation, William

Pettit, Thomas

Poole, William

Ransom, Mrs. Elizabeth

Stephens, Richard

**WAUGH, JAMES**

Carter, Peter

Veale, William

**WAUGH, TRAVERS**

Baxter, James

Reardon, William

**WAUGH, TYLER**

Berkley, John

Tillett, Samuel

Turley, James

Turley, Peter

**WEST, CHARLES**

Triplett, William

**WEST, HUGH**

Douglas, Thomas

**WEST, JOHN (COL.)**

Goar, Thomas

Moss, John

Wigginton, Sarah

**WEST, WILLIAM**

Barnet, Judith

Brown, Richard

Windsor, Thomas

**WILLIAMS, OWEN**

Spurling, Jeremiah





## *Leaseholders and Tenants*

**A**lthough many who lived and farmed in eighteenth-century Fairfax County were landowners, many others rented their land, either with or without a formal lease.

Great importance was attached to having a lease on rented land, and on having that lease recorded with the county court. The most common form of lease, commonly called three-lives leases or a lease for three lives, remained in force during the lifetime of all the persons named in the document. Normally, three names were inserted in the lease; most commonly these were a man, his wife, and a son or daughter. Any combination of three persons might, however, be used (a man and two sons; a man, his son and daughter; a woman and two sons; a man, another man, and the land owner; or any other combination).

It was also possible, if agreeable to the landowner, to insert the name of another person in the lease if one died. Most leases required that an extra amount of rent be paid when another name was added. Typically, this was one year's rent. If leases were carefully drafted and the leaseholders complied with the terms of the lease, it was possible to hold the land for a hundred years or more. A few tracts of leased lands were eventually sold to the leaseholders.

It was also possible, although not encouraged by most landowners, to sell or assign one's lease to another person. This document could also be recorded in court; the names in such a transferred lease always included at least one person named in the original lease. Many sales of rights to a lease were not

recorded at the time they were made but might be subsequently noted in a later sale of the same lease.

The nominal requirement was that a leaseholder build a house at least 16 by 20 feet and a tobacco barn 30 by 20 feet, plant a specified number of fruit trees, and cut timber only as needed for his own use. Often leaseholders were restricted as to the number of hands that could work the land. The annual rent for the average lease (100 to 200 acres) around 1760 was from 530 to 630 pounds of tobacco delivered to one of the tobacco inspection warehouses (tobacco was legal tender in colonial Virginia).

Although voting was generally restricted to land owners, holding a lease gave one the right to vote in the county where the leased land was held. Leaseholders were also secure in their leases even in the event that the land was sold. If leased land was sold by the landowner the lease remained in force. The original lease could be purchased by the new owner if agreed to by the leaseholder. In such a case the new owner would pay the former leaseholder for any improvements he had made.

Landowners themselves often were leaseholders, many times on land adjacent to their own. Such land may have been used to employ slaves not needed on their own land. For example, Charles Thrift, who owned 288 acres of land, leased a tract of 100 acres and another of 222 acres on Scott Run. In other instances, Samuel Canterbury had a ten-year lease from Benjamin Wilkinson for land adjacent to his own; Thomas Windsor leased the land next to his own from John Hereford; Charles Broadwater leased land from Simon Pearson, established a quarter and eventually bought the land; George Thrift leased 708 acres from Charles Washington on May 30, 1760, rented the land to two tenants, and about seven years later bought the entire 708 acres. In 1761, Thrift also leased 107 acres at Falls Church, to be in effect during the lifetime of Martha Posey.

For the purposes of the map, most leases are represented by the name of the original primary male leaseholder, others are in the name of a widow, a son, or the husband of a daughter named in original lease. As the widows of leaseholders often remarried and continued to live on the leased lands, their new husband's name (when known) is placed on the map. For example, Benjamin Elkins, who is on the map as leasing land from French Mason near Accotink, married Phyliss, the widow of Thomas Monteith who had originally leased this 200 acres in 1734. In a similar way Kitchen Prim married Ann, widow of Barnaby Curry, who leased 220 acres near Holmes Run in 1750; Greenberry Dorsey married Catherine, widow of William Grimes, and probably lived with her on Grimes' leased land near the church road; and John Ratcliffe and Ann, widow of Thomas Moxley, lived on her leased 100 acres near the crossroads of mountain road and the road to the old courthouse.

The security to occupy the land afforded by a lease made it both possible and desirable for the leaseholders to make substantial improvements to their farms. Rents did not substantially increase during the period 1742-1770 and the difference in rent from one lease to another is most likely explainable by the difference in the quality of the various tracts of land leased and improvements to the properties.

Although renting land, as did leaseholders, the status of tenants was much more precarious and less desirable. Unlike leaseholders, tenants had no secure tenure to their land and were subject to eviction without warning. The lack of a landed stake in the community excluded tenants from the right to vote or even to serve on juries.

Many tenants aspired to be leaseholders and recorded that landowners often promised leases, but later refused to honor the promises. Landowners reported that tenants sometimes neglected to fulfill conditions under which a lease could be made. Robert Carter noted that many who were promised

leases never returned the required survey so a lease could be made.

A standard three-lives lease was generally for about 100 to 200 acres. The larger land owners usually identified the tract by the name of the original patentee, the watercourse, the date of the patent, and the acreage of the entire tract. George Mason of Gunston Hall very carefully gave this information; then, instead of giving the exact location of the leased land, just stated that the lease was for a specified number of acres and was to include the plantation where the person was "now living."

Leases were often granted after the person had lived on the land several years (perhaps as tenants); therefore, leaseholders are placed on the map even when a lease is dated as late as 1762.

Tenants are difficult to identify or locate with any degree of certainty. A given tenant or tenant family may have stayed on one farm, without any records, for generations. Or, they may have been extremely transient, staying in a place only long enough to make one crop. Often the only reference to a tenant is in a court deposition, in a store account when his rent was paid, or in deed book description when the land was sold. To further complicate the matter, some who were leaseholders are probably entered on the map as tenants, since not all the leases were recorded. Even some recorded leaseholders were referred to in court depositions as tenants, indicating that the terms were used interchangeably.

Little is known of the terms under which most tenants rented their land. It is probable that the acreage was smaller and the rent at a lower rate than leased land. Many tenants sharecropped; they were allowed to live on a piece of land and returned a share of the crops grown to the landowner.

Some tenants even changed landlords without moving off the land they occupied. This occurred when boundaries to land claims were changed as a result of court cases. Indeed,

landowners often settled tenants on disputed land, presumably hoping for a return on the land without any investments. Questions often arose as to who had the right to the rent of tenants on contested land. Some tenants may have evaded paying any rent, simply by moving on when they were found to be trespassing.

The entire subject of land tenure in eighteenth-century Fairfax County, as elsewhere in Virginia and in other colonies, is only beginning to become clear. Many ambiguities need to be clarified, and some questions may never be answered. The information on this map is intended to reflect what is known at present.

**Table IV**  
**ALPHABETICAL LIST OF LEASEHOLDERS**  
**AND TENANTS IN 1760**

(T=Tenant; L=Leaseholder)

Name of Tenant	Number of Acres Rented or Leased	Owner of land rented	Source of Reference to Tenancy <sup>1</sup>	Number of Slaves Owned, if any
Adams, Sylvester	L 100	Pearson, Simon	DB D:661	
Alexon, Thomas	T 100	Fitzhugh, Henry	Rav RR	
Allen, Andrew	T 200	Fitzhugh, Henry	Rav RR	
Alliston, Bryan	T	vacant		
Ansdale, Daniel	T	Gladden, John (heirs)	WB A:303	
Ashford, William	T 100	Fitzhugh, Henry	Rav RR	
Baker, Thomas	L 103	Fitzhugh, John	RS:102	
Ballinger, Frank	T 100	Terrett, Wm. Henry	WB B:278	
Ballinger, William	T 100	Fitzhugh, Henry	Rav RR	
Barnes, Abraham	T	McCarty, Daniel	COB	6
Barnet, Judith	L 150	West, William	DB A:515	
Barrett, Edward	T	Wade, Valinda	GWL A:81	
Barry, John	T	Bronaugh, S. R.	DB U:384	
Bates, Edward	L 150	Alexander, Gerrard	DB C:713	
Baxter, James	T	Waugh, Travers	DB C:359	
Baylis, Thomas	L 150	McCarty, Daniel	DB B:365	
Beach, Thomas	L 200	Fitzhugh, Henry	RAV RR	1
Bennett, Joseph	L 100	Mason, George	DB D:310	
Berkley, John	T	Waugh, Tyler	DB E:252	18
Berkley, William	L 200	Monk, Thomas	RS:65	6
Bogges, Henry	T	Cocke, Catesby	DBC:87	2G
Bogges, Robert	L 100	Mason, G. (of Pohick)	RS:86	18G
Boswell, Thomas	T	Carlyle, John	LC PWm 1805:473-76	
Boucher, George	T	Alexander, Gerrard	RS:118	
Bowling, Garrard	L 150	Pearson, Simon	DB D:792	5
Bowmaker, James	T	Robertson, James	COB	

G = Number of tithable slaves listed by Charles Green in 1749, doubled.

<sup>1</sup>Full citations for abbreviated sources follow chart.

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Name of Tenant	Number of Acres Rented or Leased	Owner of land rented	Source of Reference to Tenancy	Number of Slaves Owned, if any
Boylstone, William	T	Alexander, Robert	LRLS:263	
Boylstone, William	L 100	Robertson, James	PWm DB B:18	1
Bradley, Matthew	T	Alexander, Gerrard	RS:87	
Brasington, Samuel	L	Mason, George	DB D:712-17	
Brawner, John	T	Jennings, Daniel		
Broadwater, Charles	L	Pearson, Simon	DB E:202	22
Bronaugh, Simpha R.	L	Mason, George	PWm DB A:280	1
Bronaugh, William	L	Mason, George	COB	3
Brook, Robert	T	Mason, G. (of Pohick)	RS:84	
Brown, Richard	L 100	West, William	DB A:507	
Brown, William	T	Scott, James	Glassford	
Brummitt, William	T	Mason, George	RS:99	6
Bryan, Thomas	T	Dalton, John	WB A:428	
Buckland, William	T	Mason, George		
Burk, William	L 100	Darrell, Sampson	DB B:475	
Butler, Edmund	T	Harrison, Thos., Jr.	DB D:903	2G
Butsell, William	T	Alexander, Gerrard	RS:127	
Carlyle, John	L	Minor, Jemima	DB B:405	
Carney, John	L 200	Clifton, William	PWm DB E:48	
Carroll, Joseph	T	Mason, French	RS:114	
Carter, Peter	T	Waugh, James	Glassford	2G
Cash, Joseph	L 150	Mason, George	PWm DB B:192	
Church, Thomas	T	Linton, (heirs)	Glassford	
Cockerill, John	L 200	Darrell, Sampson	PWm DB D:37	6G
Cockerill, Joseph	L 120	Colvill, Thomas	DB B:46	
Collum, Henry	L 150	Pearson, Simon	PWm DB E:436	
Collum, Henry	L 100	Mason, George	DB D:434	
Colter, Thomas	L 100	Darrell, Sampson	DB A:260	
Cotton, John	L 100	Mason, George	DB D:487	1
Cotton, William	T	Mason, George	RS:99	
Cox, Presley	T	French D. (the elder; heirs)	LC PWm 1805:473-76	
Crook, John	T	Washington, George	GWL A:53	
Crump, William	L 100	Fitzhugh, Henry	DB C:731; Rav RR	



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Name of Tenant	Number of Acres Rented or Leased	Owner of land rented	Source of Reference to Tenancy	Number of Slaves Owned, if any
Darne, Thomas	L 200	Darrell, Sampson	DB A:30	
Davis, Edward	T 150	Fitzhugh, Henry	Rav RR	
Davis, Joseph	T	Scott, James	LC PWm 1789:413-15	
Davy, William	L 150	Harrison, Thos., Jr.	PWm DB E:185	
Demoville, Sampson	T	Grayson, Benjamin	COB	
Denty, J.	T	Conner, Samuel	DB D:655	2G
Donaldson, James	L 170	Scott, James	DB A:413	4G
Donaldson, William	L 100	Fitzhugh, Henry	DB C:146; Rav RR	
Dorsey, Greenberry	T	Pearson, Simon	DB G:214; WB B:231	
Douglas, Thomas	L	West, Hugh	DB C:255	
Douglas, William	T	Lewis, Thomas (heirs)	WB A:291; COB: 1756:792	2
Dowdall, Thomas	L 190	Fairfax, Bryan	DB D:299	
Doyle, James	L 100	Mason, George	DB D:700	
Doyle, Owen	T	Russell, Anthony	COB	
Duel, Charles	T 100	Fitzhugh, Henry	Rav RR	
Dulin, Eliz.(widow)	T 200	Fitzhugh, Henry	Rav RR	3
Dulin, John	L 100	Fitzhugh, Henry	Rav RR; DB C:671	1
Earp, America	L	Mason, George	DB F:330	
Earp, Matthew	T	Robertson, James	LC PWm 1789:259-61	
Earp, Thomas	L	Mason, George	DB F:337	
Edwards, James	L 56	Dozier, James I.	DB D:542	
Elkins, Benjamin	T	Mason, French	PWm DB B:457; COB 1749:102; DB B:331	
English, Walter	L 244	Trammell, Sampson	DB A:392	
Farmer, James	L 150	Harrison, Thos., Jr.	PWm DB D:147	
Ferguson, John	L 150	Mason, George	PWm DB:38	6
Ferguson, Joshua	L 100	Mason, George	DB D:495	5

Table IV, continued

Name of Tenant	Number of Acres Rented or Leased	Owner of land rented	Source of Reference to Tenancy	Number of Slaves Owned, if any
Ferguson, William	T	Summers, John	LC PWm 1789:412-13	
Frizzel, William	T	Jennings, Daniel	LC PWm 1789:229	
Gardner, Joseph	T	Mason, George	RS:70	4G
Gardner, William	L 130	Mason, George	DB E:262	
Garrett, Nicholas	L 200	Lewis, Stephen	DB C:716	
Gates, Isaac	T	McCarty, Daniel	DB D:896	
Gates, William	T	Washington, George	GWL A:117	
Gilmore, William	T	Cocke, Catesby	DB A:163; COB	
Gist, John	L 106	Darrell, Sampson	DB A:404	2
Gist, (widow)	L 200	Darrell, Sampson	PWm DB D:40	
Gladden, William	T 244	Gladden, J. (heirs)	NNG LS and warrant for 244 acres; Wm. Gladden	
Goar, Thomas	T	West, John	COB 1756:446	
Gowring, Matthew	T 100	Fitzhugh, Henry	Rav RR	
Grafford, Thomas	L 107	Reagan, Michael	DB D:303	
Gray, John	L 100	Fitzhugh, Henry	DB C:143; Rav RR	
Grayson, Benjamin	L 50	Mason, G. (of Pohick)	PWm DB E:72	14
Griffith, Charles	L 150	Mason, George	PWm DB A:308	
Grimes, Nicholas	T 200	Fitzhugh, Henry	Rav RR	
Grimes, Philip	T 100	Fitzhugh, Henry	Rav RR	
Grimes, Wm. (heirs)	L 150	Pearson, Simon	PWm DB D:392	4
Gwyn, Peter	L 150	Harrison, Thos., Jr.	PWm DB E:457	
Halbert, Thomas	L 200	Mason, George	Rutland, I, 23-27	
Hall, Jacob	T	McCarty, Daniel	COB	
Hall, Michael	T 100	Fitzhugh, Henry	Rav RR	
Halley, Benoni	L 100	Mason, George	DB C:558	4G
Hammond, Gervais	T 100	Fitzhugh, Henry	Rav RR	
Harbin, William	L 100	Broadwater, Charles	DB E:33	
Hardwick, James	L 100	Mason, George	DB C:57	

Table IV, continued

Name of Tenant	Number of Acres Rented or Leased	Owner of land rented	Source of Reference to Tenancy	Number of Slaves Owned, if any
Hayes, William	L	Mason, George	PWm DB B:429; (m. daughter of Bosman) WB B:55	
Higgerson, John	L 100	Harrison, (heirs)	DB A:80	
Hollis, John	L 205	Fitzhugh, Henry	DB D:522; Rav RR	
Horseman, William	T 100	Fitzhugh, Henry	Rav RR	
Hunt, John	T	Musgrove, (heirs)	COB; Glassford; WB A:182	
Hunter, John	T	Chapman, Nathaniel	m. daughter of N. Chapman	17
Hurst, John	L 150	Pearson, Simon	DB D:903	
Hurst, John	L 100	Pearson, Thomas	PWm DB E:97	4G
Jackson, James	T	Beckwith, Marmaduke	1760 Lou. list of James Lane	
Jackson, John	L 400	Carter	Carter Rent Bk.	4G
Jacobs, Joseph	L 184	Tillett, Samuel	DB B:340	
Javins, Joseph	T	Posey, John	WB B:330	
Jenkins, Ezekiel	L 150	Scott, James	PWm DB E:409	
Jenkins, James	L 150	Scott, James	PWm DB E:321	
Jenkins, John	L 150	Scott, James	PWm DB E:318	
Jenkins, Samuel	L 200	Scott, James	PWm DB E:324	
Johnston, Samuel	L 250	Clifton, William	DB A:442; DB C:317	8
Johnston, William	T	Grayson, Benjamin	COB	
Jones, Charles	T	Alexander, John	LC PWm 1789:263-64	
Keith, John	T	Grayson, Benjamin	COB	
King, Samuel	T	Clifton, William	GWL A:114	
Kirk, Grafton	T	Carpenter, Ann	WB A:431; DB E:233; COB 1749:172	
Kitchen, William	L 100	Mason, George	DB D:491	

Table IV, continued

Name of Tenant	Number of Acres Rented or Leased	Owner of land rented	Source of Reference to Tenancy	Number of Slaves Owned, if any
Ladd, Benjamin	T	Terrett, Wm. H.	WB B:290	
Landman, George	T	Smith, J. (heirs)	m. widow of James Smith	
Lay, Abraham	L 150	Pearson, Simon	RS:80	1
Lewis, Sarah	L 200	Posey, John	DB D:669	
Lewis, Thomas	T 100	Fitzhugh, Henry	Rav RR	
Lindsay, Robert	L 100	Cocke, Catesby	DB D:664	
Lindsay, Robert	L 300	Ellzey, William	DB B:420	
Littlejohn, Marcellus	L 140	Moore, William	DB D:516	
Littlejohn, Samuel	T	Veale, Bond	NNG LS, 244 a. Thomazin Ellzey	
Love, Thomas	L 100	Mason, George	DB C:547	
Loyd, Robert	T	McCarty, Daniel	DB D:896	
Lucas, Thomas	T	Carter	Glassford	
Martin, Frances	T 150	Fitzhugh, Henry	Rav RR	2
Massey, Lettice	L 200	Fairfax, Bryan	DB D:773	1
McClocklin, John	L 100	Darrell, Sampson	DB E:12	
Mills, Daniel	T 200	Fitzhugh, Henry	LC PWm 1789:413-16 Rav RR	
Mills, Robert	L 200	Alexander, Gerrard	DB C:535	
Monroe, Thomas	T	Monroe, John	DB D:786	3
Monteith, James	L 200	Mason, French	PWm DB B:457	
Moon, William	L 188	Scott, James	DB B:267	
Moore, William	L 100	Mason, George	PWm DB B:191	
Morris, Owen	T	Alexander, Gerrard	RS:118	
Moss, John	L	West, John	LC PWm 1805:321	
Moxley, James	T	Fitzhugh, Henry	DB C:55	2
Moxley, Robert	L 130	Mason, George	DB C:800	
Moxley, Samuel	L 100	Alexander, John	DB A:394; E:138	
Moxley, Samuel	L 170	Mason, George	DB C:827	2
Nation, William	T	Washington, George	GWL A:69	
Neale, (widow)	T	Fitzhugh, Henry	Rav RR	11

Table IV, continued

Name of Tenant	Number of Acres Rented or Leased	Owner of land rented	Source of Reference to Tenancy	Number of Slaves Owned, if any
Neale, Spence	T 160	Neale, Daniel	DB E:75-80	
Newell, Benjamin	T	Reagan, Michael	RS:46; LRLS:83	
Nichols, George	T	Ford, John	WB B:361	
Noland, James	L 100	Mason, George	DB K:14; RS:99	
North, Jean	T	Alexander, John	DB A:394; E:138	4
Owens, John	L 150	Carter	Carter Rent Bk.	
Paul, James	T	Trenn (heirs)	COB	
Payne, Sanford	T	Fitzhugh, Henry	DB E:116	
Payne, William	L 6	Fitzhugh, Henry	DB D:519; Rav RR	12
Payne, William, Jr.	T	Fitzhugh, Henry	Rav RR	
Peake, John	T	Peake, William	WB B:247	6G
Penn, John	T	Boggess, Robert	RS:84-86	
Perkins, John	T	Pearson, Simon	DB D:782	
Perkins, William	T	Grayson, Benjamin	COB 1756:436	
Pettit, Thomas	T	Washington, George	GWL A:72	
Piper, David	T	Dozier, James I.	DB D:747	3
Poole, William	T	Washington, George	GWL A:69	
Popejoy, Nathaniel	L 200	Scott, James	DB D:264	
Popejoy, Nathaniel	L 125	Harrison (heirs)	PWm DB E:454	
Pratt, Leonard	T 100	Fitzhugh, Henry	Rav RR	
Price, John	T	Grayson, Benjamin	COB	
Prim, Kitchen	T 200	Fitzhugh, Henry	Rav RR	2
Ramey, Sanford	L 200	Fitzhugh, Henry	DB C:139; Rav RR	4G
Ransom, Elizabeth	T	Washington, George	GWL A:54	
Ransom, Richard	T	Boggess, Robert	RS:84-86	
Ratcliff, John	T	Fitzhugh, Henry	Rav RR; m. widow of T. Moxley	5
Reardon, Henry	T	Mason, George	NNG LS, 265a. G. Mason	
Reardon, William	T	Waugh, Travers	COB	4G

Table IV, continued

Name of Tenant	Number of Acres Rented or Leased	Owner of land rented	Source of Reference to Tenancy	Number of Slaves Owned, if any
Reid, Absalom	T	Scott, James	Glassford	
Rhodes, John	T	Harrison, Mary	RS:72	
Richards, William	T 100	Fitzhugh, Henry	Rav RR	
Rood, Edward	T	Clifton, William	COB 1756:666	
Rusing, John	T 100	Fitzhugh, Henry	Rav RR	
Saunders, Philip	T	Pearson, Thomas	DB R:606	
Scott, William	L 100	Mason, George	DB D:484	
Sheredine, John	L 200	Clifton, William	PWm DB E:421	2
Shortridge, George	T	Carter	Carter Rent Bk.	
Shortridge, John	T	Carter	Carter Rent Bk.	
Shortridge, William	L 103	Turberville, John	PWm DB E:244	
Simpson, Gilbert, Sr.	L 150	Clifton, William	PWm DB E:416	
Simpson, Josias	T	Brent, George	LRLS:30	
Smith, Thomas	T	Alexander, Gerrard	lived on land after sale?	14
Snowden, John	L 150	Clifton, William	PWm DB E:429	
Southerd, Benjamin	L 134	Ashford, William	DB D:570	
Sparrow, Matthew	T 100	Fitzhugh, Henry	RS:88; Rav RR	
Spence, John (estate)	T 200	Fitzhugh, Henry	WB B:407	8
Spinks, John	T	Dade, Baldwin	COB 1756:691	
Spurling, Jeremiah	L 100	Williams, Owen	DB A:252	
Spurling, Jeremiah	T 106	Fitzhugh, John	RS:102	
Stephens, Richard	T	Washington, George	GWL A:53	
Stone, Eli	T 180	Fitzhugh, Henry	Rav RR	
Stone, John	T 100	Fitzhugh, Henry	Rav RR	
Stone, William	L 100	Mason, George	DB D:480	
Story, Charles	T	Alexander, Gerrard	LRLS:216	
Summers, John	L 100	Harrison, Thomas	Staf. DB 1722:36	
Summers, John, Jr.	L 100	Colville, Thomas	DB B:514	
Swallow, John	L 52	Posey, John	DB C:676	
Talbot, Benjamin	T	Mason, George	Fx.Co. cfl-62x	

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Name of Tenant	Number of Acres Rented or Leased	Owner of land rented	Source of Reference to Tenancy	Number of Slaves Owned, if any
Talbot, Daniel	T	Fitzhugh, Henry	DB C:702	
Talbot, Daniel	L 200	Moncure, John	DB D:314	
Talbot, Samuel	T	Grayson, Benjamin	COB	
Talbot, William	L 150	Fitzhugh, Henry	DB C:702; Rav RR	4G
Taylor, George	L 200	Clifton, William	DB A:43	2G
Taylor, Henry	T	Clifton, William	GWL A:86	2G
Taylor, James	L 100	Mason, George	DB E:281	
Taylor, William	T	Dalton, John	RS:33	
Thomas, Daniel	T	Unknown	COB 1749:474 1760 Lou. tax	2
Thomas, David	L 150	Harrison, Thos., Jr.	PWm DB D:158	
Thomas, Robert	T 100	Fitzhugh, Henry	RS:88; Rav RR	
Thomas, Sarah	T	Terrett, Wm. H.	WB B:290	
Thornton, Frances	L 200	Turley, Jane	DB B:265	
Thrift, Charles	L 100	Alexander, Gerrard	DB A:462	
Thrift, Charles	L 220	Carter	Carter Rent Bk.	
Thrift, George	L 708	Washington Charles	DB D:752	
Thrift, George	L 107	Posey, John	DB D:803	
Thrift, Jeremiah	T	Jennings, Daniel	LC PWm 1789:261	
Tillett, James	T	Ford, John	COB	2G
Tillett, Samuel	L 250	Waugh, Tyler	DB B:275	2G
Trammell, Gerrard	L 200	Scott, James	PWm DB B:130	1
Trammell, Philip	L 130	Alexander, Gerrard	DB C:646	
Trammell, William	T	Pearson, Simon	GWL A:132	
Triplett, Elizabeth	T	Jennings, Daniel	LC PWm 1789:251	2
Triplett, William	L 150	West, Charles	PWm DB A:158	
Turley, James	L 200	Waugh, Tyler	DB E:252	
Turley, Paul	L 200	Monk, Thomas	PWm DB B:137	4G
Turley, Peter	L 250	Waugh, Tyler	DB B:9	2G
Turley, Sampson	T 250	Monk, John	Lou. DB B:1	8G

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Name of Tenant	Number of Acres Rented or Leased	Owner of land rented	Source of Reference to Tenancy	Number of Slaves Owned, if any
Vallandigham, Michael	L 100	Alexander, Gerrard	DB A:84	
Veale, William	T	Waugh, James	Glassford	6
Ward, John	L	Mason, George	DB K:93	
Warner, Jane	L 200	Clifton, William	PWm DB E:419	
			J. Hester	
Washington, Edward	L 200	Mason, George	DB C:680	
Whaley, James	L 100	Harrison (heirs)	DB B:424	
Wigginton, Sarah	L 150	West, John (Col.)	WB B:25-26	2
Willet, Edward	T	Pearson, Simon	COB	1
Williams, Benjamin	T	Alexander, Gerrard	RS:116	
Williams, Edward	L 150	Clifton, William	PWm DB E:426	
Williams, John	T	Alexander, Gerrard	DB A:187;	
			WB A:311-12	
Williams, John	L 150	Pearson, Simon	DB E:30	
Williams, Owen	L	Darrell, Sampson	PWm DB D:37	6G
Williams, Thomas	T	Ellzey, Lewis	Glassford	
Williams, William	T 103	Fitzhugh, John	RS:102	
Windsor, Thomas	T	West, William	Glassford	2
Woodward, Thomas	L 188	Scott, James	DB B:342	
Wren, James	L 200	Scott, James	DB D:305	
Wren, Thomas	L 200	Scott, James	DB A:407	6G
Wren, Thomas	L 200	Pearson, Simon	DB E:52	
Wright, Henry	T	Cocke, Catesby	DB C:179 D:87	

### Citations for Sourcelist on Table IV

- Carter Rent Bk.     Carter Rent Book, Virginia Historical Society, Richmond, Virginia.
- COB                  Court Order and Minute Books, Circuit Court Archives, Fairfax County Courthouse, Fairfax, Virginia.



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DB	Deed Book, Circuit Court Archives, Fairfax County Courthouse, Fairfax, Virginia.
Fx. Co. cff-	Chancery final file, Circuit Court Archives, Fairfax County Courthouse, Fairfax, Virginia.
Glassford	Account Books, John Glassford and Co., Manuscript Division, Library of Congress.
GW Ledger	George Washington Ledgers A and B, Mount Vernon Estate Library, Mount Vernon, Virginia.
LC PWm 1789	Land Causes 1789, Prince William County Courthouse, Manassas, Virginia.
LC PWm 1805	Land Causes 1805-1816, Prince William County Courthouse, Manassas, Virginia.
Lou DB	Deed Book, Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Virginia.
LRLS	Land Records of Long Standing, Circuit Court Archives, Fairfax County Courthouse, Fairfax, Virginia.
NNG LS	Northern Neck Grant, Loose Survey, Virginia State Archives, Richmond, Virginia.
PWm DB	Deed Book, Prince William County Courthouse, Manassas, Virginia.
Rav RR	Henry Fitzhugh Papers, Ravensworth Rent Lists, Virginia Historical Society, Richmond, Virginia.
RS	Record of Surveys, Circuit Court Archives, Fairfax County Courthouse, Fairfax, Virginia.

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Rutland	Robert A. Rutland, editor, <i>The Papers of George Mason, 1725-1792</i> , 3 Volumes, (Chapel Hill, N.C.: University of North Carolina Press, 1970).
Staf DB	Deed Book, Stafford County Courthouse, Stafford, Virginia.
WB	Will Book, Circuit Court Archives, Fairfax County Courthouse, Fairfax, Virginia.
1760 Lou Tax	Tax list, 1760, Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Virginia.

**Table V**  
**FAIRFAX COUNTY TITHABLES, POSSIBLY**  
**TENANTS, IN 1760, WHO**  
**IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO PLACE ON MAP**

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Alton, John	Carney, Daniel
Alverson, John	Carroll, Thomas
Anderson, John Baptist	Cheshire, James
Armstrong, William	Cheshire, John, Jr.
Ashbridge, George	Cockerill, Elias
Askew, John	Colter, John
Atkins, Daniel	Cornish, Charles
Atwell, Thomas	Crook, William
Bain, Christian	Curtius, Jacob Frederick
Bain, Gilbert	Dade, Francis, Jr.
Bain, John	Davis, Baxter
Baker, Charles	Davis, Benjamin
Ball, William	Diggs, Charles
Barrett, Richard	Doones, John
Barrows, John	Dorsey, Charles
Bayley, Joseph	Dorsey, Edward
Bayley, Pearce	Dorsey, Hugh
Baylis, William Payne	Douglas, Robert
Bell, James	Drakeford, John
Bennett, Thomas	Earp, Henry
Biggs, Henry	Elkins, Zacharias
Bishop, Thomas	Farrow, John
Blag, John	Fendren, John
Boggess, Vincent	Flax, Francis
Boseley, Thomas	Fleming, Thomas
Boseley, Twford	Fletcher, James
Bowling, John	Foster, John
Brawner, Bazil	Fry, Joseph
Brawner, William	George, John
Bromley, Thomas	George, Richard
Brown, James	George, Travers
Burk, John	Gibson, John
Cahill, Barnaby	Gibson, Robert
Campbell, John	Gidings, Kenzie

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Gill, George	Kirkpatrick, Thomas
Gilpin, Benjamin	Lamphire, Gowen
Gilpin, William	Laughlin, David
Gilpin, Thomas	Laughlin, John
Goard, Joseph	Lawrence, Daniel
Goff, William O'Bryan	Leake, Richard
Going, James	Leake, William
Gordon, Charles	Lester, John
Gossum, William	Lester, William
Gray, Joseph	Long, Christian
Gray, George	Loyd, Peter
Gray, Drakeford	Lush, Andrew
Gretter, Michael	Lyons, Timothy
Grigsby, Wilkerson	Martin, Charles
Halbert, Richard	Mason, Philip
Halbert, Thomas	McAtee, William
Hammond, Samuel	McCoy, Daniel
Hammond, Job	McKensy, James
Hawkins, William	McLeod, James
Hill, Bennett	Melton, John, Jr.
Hill, Enoch	Miers, Jacob
Hill, John	Morris, Owen
Hughes, Nathan	Moss, Thomas
Hunt, Philip	Moxley, John
Hunt, Richard	Moxley, Joseph
Irmill, George	Mull, George
Irmill, Paul	Munday, Crittenden
Irvin, James	Munday, William
Jewell, George	Nelson, Ambrose
Jewell, William	Nelson, James
Johnston, Bennet	Ottwell, George
Johnston, Robert	Parker, Lawson
Johnston, Seth	Patterson, John
Jones, Edward	Pinkstone, William
Jordon, Edward	Plummer, John
Jordon, Joshua	Plummer, Thomas
Jordon, John	Powell, John
Kettle, Charles	Power, Thomas
Kirkpatrick, John	Pressley, William

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Pressley, William, Jr.	Templeman, John
Price, David	Triplett, Thomas
Price, Leonard	Tunnell, William
Price, Philip	Turner, William
Price, Thomas	Tuttle, Thomas
Pshaw, Jacob	Tyler, Charles
Ransom, William	Urton, John
Reid, John	Vermillion, William
Riddell, Andrew	Vineyard, Stephen
Ross, George	Vineyard, Thomas
Ross, Hector	Wakefield, Abel
Rowland, Gilbert	Wakefield, Abraham
Seale, John	Warford, William
Smith, John	Williams, Aler
Soale, Joseph	Williams, Bazil
Sparks, William	Williams, Benoni
Sparks, Edward	Williams, Charles
Speake, Robert	Williams, Elijah
Speake, Thomas	Williamson, Benjamin
Speake, William	Witherington, Thomas
Spencer, William	Yates, William
Stephens, Robert	Young, David

## *Slaveholdings*

Much of the labor in eighteenth-century Fairfax was provided by black slaves. The map attempts to show who owned the slaves, and where in Fairfax County the slaves lived and worked. Slave ownership has important implications for understanding both the social and economic makeup of Fairfax County around the middle of the eighteenth-century. For example: What was the relationship between size and value of land holdings, and the number of slaves a man owned? Did some men (or many) find it more desirable to rent land and own slaves; how many slaveowners were nonresidents, working their Fairfax land with slaves and an overseer?

The size of the slaveholdings (the number of slaves on a given farm or plantation) and the density of slaveholdings (the number of slaves in a given area of the county) have important implications for understanding slave family and community life. In general, the larger the holding and the more slaves in an area, the better the chance for slave family and community life.

The key for determining the landholding status of the slaveholders and the sources of estimates of number of slaves as depicted on the map have been explained in the general introduction above.

**Table VI**  
**ALPHABETICAL LISTING OF SLAVEHOLDERS**  
**IN FAIRFAX COUNTY, VIRGINIA, ca. 1749–1760**

Name	Number Slaves	Source of Information <sup>1</sup>	Real Estate Status
Adam, Robert	1		Landowner
Alexander, Gerrard	24	G	Landowner
Alexander, John	16	G	Landowner; nonresident
Alexander, John	12	G	Landowner
Asbury, Thomas	2		Landowner
Ashford, John	4		Landowner
Aylett (heirs)	28	G	Landowner; nonresident
Barnes, Abraham	6		Tenant
Barry, Edward (heirs)	9		Landowner
Bayly, William	6	G	Landowner
Beach, Thomas	1		Tenant
Beckwith, Marmaduke	5		Landowner
Berkley, John	18		Tenant
Berkley, William	6		Landowner; leaseholder
Blackburn, Edward	1		Landowner
Bogges, Henry	2	G	Tenant
Bogges, Robert	18	G	Landowner; leaseholder
Bowling, Gerrard	5		Leaseholder
Boylstone, William	1		Leaseholder; tenant
Brent, George	1		Landowner
Broadwater, Charles	22	G	Landowner; leaseholder
Bronaugh, William	3		Tenant
Brummitt, William	6		Tenant
Butler, Edmund	2	G	Tenant
Canterbury, Samuel	10		Landowner
Carlyle, John	27		Landowner
Carter, Peter	2	G	Tenant
Carter, Robert (heirs)	10	G	Landowner; nonresident
Chapman, Nathaniel	10	G	Landowner; nonresident

<sup>1</sup>G = Charles Green's 1749 tithable list, number of slaves doubled. Other numbers from court records.

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Name	Number Slaves	Source of Information	Real Estate Status
Clifton, William	12	G	Landowner
Cocke, Catesby	28	G	Landowner
Cockrill, John	6	G	Leaseholder
Coffer, Thomas Withers	5		Landowner
Colville, John (heirs)	41		Landowner; nonresident
Colville, Thomas	21		Landowner
Conner, Samuel	4	G	Landowner
Cotton, John	1		Leaseholder
Dade, Baldwin	6	G	Landowner; nonresident
Dade, Townshend	8	G	Landowner
Dalton, John	12	G	Landowner
Darrell, Sampson	4	G	Landowner
Deneale, James	2		Landowner
Denty, J.	2	G	Tenant
Donaldson, James	4	G	Leaseholder
Douglas, William	2		Tenant
Dozier, James Ingoe	1		Landowner
Dozier, Leonard	4	G	Landowner
Dulin (widow)	3		Leaseholder
Dulin, John	1		Leaseholder
Ellzey, Lewis	18	G	Landowner
Fairfax, Bryan	10		Landowner
Fairfax, George Wm.	15		Landowner
Fairfax, Hannah	5		Landowner
Ferguson, John	6		Leaseholder
Ferguson, Joshua	5		Leaseholder
Fitzhugh, Henry	38	G	Landowner; nonresident
Fitzhugh, William	38	G	Landowner; nonresident
Ford, John	1		Landowner
French, Daniel (the elder; heirs)	4		Landowner
French, Daniel, Jr.	60		Landowner
Gardner, Joseph	4	G	Tenant
Gist, John	2		Leaseholder
Grayson, Benjamin	14	G	Landowner
Grimes, Wm. (heirs)	4		Leaseholder



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Name	Number Slaves	Source of Information	Real Estate Status
Gunnell, Henry	2	G	Landowner
Gunnell, William	4	G	Landowner
Halley, Benoni	4	G	Leaseholder
Hampton, John	4	G	Landowner
Hardin, William	4		Landowner
Harrison, Burr	7		Landowner; nonresident
Harrison (heirs)	8	G	Landowner; nonresident
Henderson, Alexandria	3		Landowner; Colchester
Hereford, George	1		Landowner
Hereford, Henry	1		Landowner
Hunter, John	17		Tenant (landowner?)
Hurst, John	4	G	Leaseholder
Jackson, John	4	G	Leaseholder
Jennings, Daniel, Jr.	8		Landowner
Jennings, James	9		Landowner
Johnston, George	15		Landowner; Alexandria
Johnston, Samuel	8		Leaseholder
Keen, James	9		Landowner
Keith, James	8	G	Landowner; nonresident
Lay, Abraham	1		Leaseholder
Lee, Francis L.	20		Landowner; nonresident <sup>1</sup>
Lee, Philip Ludwell	20		Landowner; nonresident
Lee, Thomas Ludwell	20		Landowner; nonresident
Lewis, Stephen (heirs)	9		Landowner; nonresident
Manley, Harrison	4		Landowner
Marshall, Thomas Hanson	12	G	Landowner; nonresident
Martin (widow)	2		Tenant
Mason, French	1		Landowner
Mason, George (of Pohick)	1		Landowner
Mason, George	22	G	Landowner
Massey, Lettice	1		Leaseholder
Masterson, Edward	7		Landowner
McCarty, Daniel	24	G	Landowner
McIntosh, John	1		Landowner; Colchester
Mercer, George	9		Landowner; nonresident
Mercer, James	9		Landowner; nonresident

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Name	Number Slaves	Source of Information	Real Estate Status
Minor, Jemima	8		Landowner
Monroe, John	2		Landowner
Monroe, Thomas	3		Tenant
Moore, James	1		Landowner
Moore, William	4	G	Landowner; leaseholder
Moxley, Daniel	2		Landowner
Moxley, James	2		Leaseholder
Moxley, Samuel	2		Leaseholder
Neale (widow)	11		Tenant
Neale, Daniel	16	G	Landowner
North, Jean	4		Tenant
O'Daniel, John	2		Landowner
Payne, Edward	2		Landowner
Payne, William, Sr.	12		Leaseholder
Peake, John	6	G	Tenant
Peake, William	12		Landowner
Pearson, Simon	10		Landowner
Pearson, Thomas	2		Landowner
Piper, David	3		Tenant
Pollard, Joseph	12	G	Landowner
Posey, John	9		Landowner
Prim, Kitchen	2		Landowner
Ramey, Sanford	4	G	Leaseholder
Ramsey, William	13		Landowner
Ratcliff, John	5		Leaseholder
Reagan, Michael	2		Landowner
Reardon, William	4	G	Tenant
Robertson, James	5		Landowner
Sanford, Richard	2	G	Landowner
Sanford, Robert	6	G	Landowner
Scott, James	10	G	Landowner; nonresident
Sebastian, Benjamin	4		Landowner
Shaw, Thomas	4		Landowner
Sheredine, John	2		Leaseholder
Simpson, George	4		Landowner
Simpson, Moses	8		Landowner

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Name	Number Slaves	Source of Information	Real Estate Status
Simpson, Richard	14		Landowner
Smith, James (heirs)	3		Landowner
Smith, Thomas	14		Tenant
Smith, Wm. (heirs)	4		Landowner
Spence, John (heirs)	8		Leaseholder
Steptoe, James (heirs)	24	G	Landowner; nonresident
Summers, Francis	8	G	Landowner; nonresident
Talbot, William	4	G	Leaseholder
Taylor, George	2	G	Leaseholder
Taylor, Henry	2	G	Leaseholder
Terrett, Wm. Henry	18		Landowner
Thomas, Daniel	2		Tenant
Thrift, Charles	4	G	Landowner
Tillett, James	2	G	Tenant
Tillett, Samuel	2	G	Landowner; leaseholder
Trammell, Gerrard	1		Leaseholder
Trammell, John	7		Landowner
Trammell, Sampson	7		Landowner
Triplett, Elizabeth	2		Tenant
Turberville, John	16		Landowner; nonresident
Turley, Jane	1		Landowner
Turley, Jane (widow)	4		Landowner
Turley, Paul	4	G	Leaseholder
Turley, Peter	2	G	Leaseholder
Turley, Sampson	8	G	Leaseholder
Veale, William	6		Tenant
Violet, Edward	2	G	Landowner
Wade, Valinda	6	G	Landowner
Wagener, Peter	14		Landowner
Washington, Edward	9		Landowner
Washington, George	88		Landowner; leaseholder
Watkins, Joseph	2		Landowner
Watts (heirs)	10	G	Landowner; nonresident
West, Hugh, Jr.	6		Landowner
West, John (Col.)	15		Landowner
West, John, Jr.	25		Landowner

Table VI, continued

Name	Number Slaves	Source of Information	Real Estate Status
West, Sybil	1		Landowner
West, Sybil (widow)	5		Landowner
Wheeler, Drummond	4		Landowner
Wigginton, Sarah	2		Leaseholder
Willett, Edward	1		Tenant
Williams, Owen	6	G	Landowner; leaseholder
Windsor, Thomas	2		Landowner; tenant
Woodbridge, John	22	G	Landowner; nonresident
Wren, Thomas	6	G	Leaseholder
Wright, William	2	G	Landowner

**Table VII**  
**SLAVEHOLDERS, BY DESCENDING**  
**NUMBER OF SLAVES HELD, ca. 1749-1760**

Name	Number Slaves	Real Estate Status
Washington, George	88	Landowner
French, Daniel, Jr.	60	Landowner
Colville, John (heirs)	41	Landowner
Fitzhugh, Henry	38	Landowner
Fitzhugh, William	38	Landowner
Aylett (heirs)	28	Landowner
Cocke, Catesby	28	Landowner
Carlyle, John	27	Landowner
West, John, Jr.	25	Landowner
Alexander, Gerrard	24	Landowner
McCarty, Daniel	24	Landowner
Steptoe, James (heirs)	24	Landowner
Broadwater, Charles	22	Landowner
Mason, George	22	Landowner
Woodbridge, John	22	Landowner
Colville, Thomas	21	Landowner
Lee, Francis L.	20	Landowner
Lee, Philip Ludwell	20	Landowner
Lee, Thomas Ludwell	20	Landowner
Berkley, John	18	Tenant
Bogges, Robert	18	Landowner
Ellzey, Lewis	18	Landowner
Terrett, William Henry	18	Landowner
Hunter, John	17	Tenant
Alexander, John	16	Landowner
Neale, Daniel	16	Landowner
Turberville, John	16	Landowner
Fairfax, George William	15	Landowner
Johnston, George	15	Landowner
West, John (Col.)	15	Landowner
Grayson, Benjamin	14	Landowner
Simpson, Richard	14	Landowner
Smith, Thomas	14	Tenant

Table VII, continued

Name	Number Slaves	Real Estate Status
Wagener, Peter	14	Landowner
Ramsay, William	13	Landowner
Alexander, John	12	Landowner
Clifton, William	12	Landowner
Dalton, John	12	Landowner
Marshall, Thomas Hanson	12	Landowner
Payne, William, Sr.	12	Leaseholder
Peake, William	12	Landowner
Pollard, Joseph	12	Landowner
Neale (widow)	11	Leaseholder
Canterbury, Samuel	10	Landowner
Carter, Robert (heirs)	10	Landowner
Chapman, Nathaniel	10	Landowner
Fairfax, Bryan	10	Landowner
Pearson, Simon	10	Landowner
Scott, James	10	Landowner
Watts (heirs)	10	Landowner
Barry, Edward (heirs)	9	Landowner
Jennings, James	9	Landowner
Keen, James	9	Landowner
Lewis, Stephen (heirs)	9	Landowner
Mercer, George	9	Landowner
Mercer, James	9	Landowner
Posey, John	9	Landowner
Washington, Edward	9	Landowner
Dade, Townshend	8	Landowner
Harrison (heirs)	8	Landowner
Jennings, Daniel, Jr.	8	Landowner
Johnston, Samuel	8	Leaseholder
Keith, James	8	Landowner
Minor, Jemima	8	Landowner
Simpson, Moses	8	Landowner
Spence, John (heirs)	8	Leaseholder
Summers, Francis	8	Landowner
Turley, Sampson	8	Landowner
Harrison, Burr	7	Landowner
Masterson, Edward	7	Landowner

Table VII, continued

Name	Number Slaves	Real Estate Status
Trammell, John	7	Landowner
Trammell, Sampson	7	Landowner
Barnes, Abraham	6	Tenant
Bayly, William	6	Landowner
Berkley, William	6	Landowner
Brummitt, William	6	Tenant
Cockrill, John	6	Leaseholder
Dade, Baldwin	6	Landowner
Ferguson, John	6	Leaseholder
Peake, John	6	Tenant
Sanford, Robert	6	Landowner
Veale, William	6	Tenant
Wade, Valinda	6	Landowner
West, Hugh, Jr.	6	Landowner
Williams, Owen	6	Landowner
Wren, Thomas	6	Leaseholder
Bowling, Gerrard	5	Leaseholder
Coffer, Thomas Withers	5	Landowner
Fairfax, Hannah	5	Landowner
Ferguson, Joshua	5	Leaseholder
Ratcliff, John	5	Leaseholder
Robertson, James	5	Landowner
West, Sybil (widow)	5	Landowner
Ashford, John	4	Landowner
Connor, Samuel	4	Landowner
Darrell, Sampson	4	Landowner
Donaldson, James	4	Leaseholder
Dozier, Leonard	4	Landowner
French, Daniel	4	Landowner
(the elder; heirs)		
Gardner, Joseph	4	Tenant
Grimes, William (heirs)	4	Leaseholder
Gunnell, William	4	Landowner
Halley, Benoni	4	Leaseholder
Hampton, John	4	Landowner
Hardin, William	4	Landowner
Hurst, John	4	Leaseholder

Table VII, continued

Name	Number Slaves	Real Estate Status
Jackson, John	4	Leaseholder
Manley, Harrison	4	Landowner
Moore, William	4	Landowner
North, Jean	4	Tenant
Ramey, Sanford	4	Leaseholder
Reardon, William	4	Tenant
Sebastian, Benjamin	4	Landowner
Shaw, Thomas	4	Landowner
Simpson, George	4	Landowner
Smith, William (heirs)	4	Landowner
Talbot, William	4	Leaseholder
Thrift, Charles	4	Landowner
Turley, Jane (widow)	4	Landowner
Turley, Paul	4	Leaseholder
Wheeler, Drummond	4	Landowner
Bronaugh, William	3	Tenant
Dulin (widow)	3	Leaseholder
Henderson, Alexander	3	Landowner
Monroe, Thomas	3	Tenant
Piper, David	3	Tenant
Smith, James (heirs)	3	Landowner
Asbury, Thomas	2	Landowner
Bogges, Henry	2	Tenant
Butler, Edmund	2	Tenant
Carter, Peter	2	Tenant
Deneale, James	2	Landowner
Denty, J.	2	Tenant
Douglas, William	2	Tenant
Gist, John	2	Leaseholder
Gunnell, Henry	2	Landowner
Martin (widow)	2	Tenant
Monroe, John	2	Landowner
Moxley, Daniel	2	Landowner
Moxley, James	2	Leaseholder
Moxley, Samuel	2	Leaseholder
O'Daniel, John	2	Landowner
Payne, Edward	2	Landowner



Table VII, continued

Name	Number Slaves	Real Estate Status
Pearson, Thomas	2	Landowner
Prim, Kitchen	2	Leaseholder
Reagan, Michael	2	Landowner
Sanford, Richard	2	Landowner
Sheredine, John	2	Leaseholder
Taylor, George	2	Leaseholder
Taylor, Henry	2	Leaseholder
Thomas, Daniel	2	Tenant
Tillett, James	2	Tenant
Tillett, Samuel	2	Landowner
Triplett, Elizabeth	2	Leaseholder
Turley, Peter	2	Leaseholder
Violet, Edward	2	Landowner
Watkins, Joseph	2	Landowner
Wigginton, Sarah	2	Leaseholder
Windsor, Thomas	2	Landowner
Wright, William	2	Landowner
Adam, Robert	1	Landowner
Beach, Thomas	1	Tenant
Blackburn, Edward	1	Landowner
Boylstone, William	1	Leaseholder
Brent, George	1	Landowner
Bronaugh, Simpha Rosa	1	Landowner
Dozier, James Ingoe	1	Landowner
Dulin, John	1	Leaseholder
Ford, John	1	Landowner
Hereford, George	1	Landowner
Hereford, Henry	1	Landowner
Lay, Abraham	1	Leaseholder
Mason, French	1	Landowner
Mason, George (of Pohick)	1	Landowner
Massey, Lettice	1	Leaseholder
McIntosh, John	1	Landowner
Moore, James	1	Landowner
Trammell, Gerrard	1	Leaseholder
Turley, Jane	1	Landowner
West, Sybil	1	Landowner
Willett, Edward	1	Tenant

**Table VIII**  
**ALPHABETICAL LIST OF**  
**RESIDENT LANDOWNERS OF**  
**FAIRFAX COUNTY,**  
**IN 1760, WHO HELD SLAVES**

(A = Lot in Alexandria    C = Lot in Colchester)

Acres Owned	Name	Slaves Held
A	Adam, Robert	1
4,248 & A	Alexander, Gerrard	24
2,300	Alexander, John <sup>1</sup>	12
110	Asbury, Thomas	3
112	Ashford, John	4
900	Barry, Edward (heirs)	9
570 & C	Bayly, William	6
225	Beckwith, Marmaduke	5
183	Berkley, William	6
600	Blackburn, Edward	1
876	Boggess, Robert	18
434	Brent, George	1
1,700	Broadwater, Charles	22
544	Bronaugh, Simpha Rosa	1
170	Canterbury, Samuel	10
1,100 & A	Carlyle, John	27
2,300	Clifton, William	12
1,366	Cocke, Catesby	28
378	Coffer, Thomas W.	5
1,056	Colville, Thomas	21
200	Conner, Samuel	4
400	Dade, Townshend	8
450 & A	Dalton, John	12
1,468	Darrell, Sampson	4
552	Deneale, James	2
635 & C	Dozier, James Ingoe	1
225	Dozier, Leonard	4
1,678	Ellzey, Lewis	18

<sup>1</sup>John Alexander lived in Stafford County, but in 1760 gave a portion of this land to his son, Charles, who lived on that land in Fairfax County.

Table VIII, continued

Acres Owned	Name	Slaves Held
7,815	Fairfax, Bryan	10
1,314 & A	Fairfax, George William	15
960	Fairfax, Hannah	5
616	Ford, John	1
468	French, Daniel (the elder; heirs)	4
1,780	French, Daniel, Jr.	60
600	Gladden, John (heirs)	2
1,000 & C	Grayson, Benjamin	14
300	Green, Charles	12
400	Gunnell, Henry	2
800	Gunnell, William	4
202	Hampton, John	4
525	Hardin, William	4
C	Henderson, Alexander	3
125	Hereford, George	1
125	Hereford, Henry	1
1,053	Jennings, Daniel, Jr.	8
325	Jennings, James	9
A	Johnston, George	15
657	Keen, James	9
142	Manley, Harrison	4
500	Mason, French	1
500	Mason, George (of Pohick)	1
8,280 & A	Mason, George	22
7	Masterson, Edward	7
3,000	McCarty, Daniel	24
C	McIntosh, John	1
261	Minor, Jemima	8
600	Monroe, John	2
200	Moore, James	1
280	Moore, William	4
50	Moxley, Daniel	2
319	Neale, Daniel	16
200	O'Daniel, John	2
801	Payne, Edward	2
664	Peake, William	12
3,379	Pearson, Simon	10

Table VIII, continued

Acres Owned	Name	Slaves Held
652	Pearson, Thomas	2
450	Pollard, Joseph	12
351	Posey, John	9
750 & A	Ramsay, William	13
607	Reagan, Michael	2
1,715	Robertson, James	5
200	Sanford, Richard	2
200	Sanford, Robert	6
200 & A	Sebastian, Benjamin	4
276	Shaw, Thomas	4
256	Simpson, George	4
323	Simpson, Moses	8
393	Simpson, Richard	14
550	Smith, James (heirs)	3
300	Smith, William (heirs)	4
1,771 & A	Terrett, William H.	18
288	Thrift, Charles	4
184	Tillett, Samuel	2
449	Trammell, John	7
248	Trammell, Sampson	7
400	Turley, Jane	1
453	Turley, Jane (widow)	4
90	Violett, Edward	2
250	Wade, Valinda	6
351 & C	Wagener, Peter	14
400	Washington, Edward	9
2,298	Washington, George	88
602	Watkins, Joseph	2
360 & A	West, Hugh, Jr.	6
1,200	West, John (Col.)	15
1,440 & A	West, John, Jr.	25
71 & A	West, Sybil	1
107	West, Sybil (widow)	5
100	Wheeler, Drummond	4
288	Williams, Owen	6
231	Windsor, Thomas	2
77	Wright, William	2

**Table IX**  
**ALPHABETICAL LIST OF NONRESIDENT**  
**LANDOWNERS OF FAIRFAX COUNTY,**  
**IN 1760, WHO HELD SLAVES IN FAIRFAX**

(A = Lot in Alexandria)

Acres Owned	Name	Place of Residence	Slaves Held
500	Alexander, John	Stafford County	16
400	Aylett (heirs)	Westmoreland County	28
9,267	Carter, Robert (heirs)	Virginia	10
4,602 & A	Chapman, Nathaniel	Maryland	10
4,000	Colville, John (heirs)	England	41
400	Dade, Baldwin	Stafford County	6
12,000	Fitzhugh, Henry	Stafford County	38
12,000	Fitzhugh, William	Stafford County	38
250	Harrison, Burr	Prince William County	7
250	Harrison, (heirs)	Stafford County	8
1,025	Keith, James	Frederick County	8
800	Lee, Francis L.	(unknown)	20
3,008	Lee, Philip Ludwell	Westmoreland County	20
3,600	Lee, Thomas Ludwell	Stafford County	20
208	Lewis, Stephen (heirs)	Loudoun County	9
480	Marshall, Thomas H.	Maryland	12
1,122 & A	Mercer, George	Fredricksburg	9
1,122	Mercer, James	Fredricksburg	9
3,241	Scott, James	Prince William County	10
943	Steptoe, James (heirs)	Westmoreland County	24
200	Summers, Francis	Loudoun County	8
2,800	Turberville, John	Westmoreland County	16
600	Watts, (heirs)	Westmoreland County	10
2,040	Woodbridge, John	Richmond	22

**Table X**  
**ALPHABETICAL LIST OF RESIDENT**  
**LANDOWNERS OF FAIRFAX COUNTY**  
**WHO DID NOT HOLD SLAVES**

(A = Lot in Alexandria    C = Lot in Colchester)

Acres Owned	Name	Acres Owned	Name
90	Adams, Abednigo	230	Halley, James, Jr.
100	Adams, William	230	Halley, William
135	Ashford, George	161	Hargiss, Abraham
151	Ashford, Michael	114	Jacobs, Joseph, Jr.
135	Ashford, William	210	Kelly, James
166	Ball, John	72	Kent, John
91	Ball, Moses	72	Kent, Richard
287	Barker, William	72	Kent, William
110	Barry, John	300	Kincheloe, William
C	Baylis, William	100	King, William
123	Bogges, John	100	Martin, George
167	Carpenter, Ann	100	Martin, James
C	Carpenter, George	100	Martin, John, Jr.
273	Cash, Joseph	100	Martin, Joseph
A	Chew, Mercy	A	Mayson, Ann
A	Connell, James	A	Muir, John
240	Connell, Thomas	220	Nichols, Solomon
C	Conner, Edward	C	Peill, Philip
A	Dalton, Robert	A	Piper, Harry
70	Darne, Henry	C	Pound, Morris
70	Darne, Thomas	120	Riley, John, Jr.
290	Davis, William	120	Riley, Peter
80	Doyle, Edward	212	Robertson, John
80	Doyle, James	137	Rogers, Richard
133	Due, Thomas	A	Salkeld, Henry (heirs)
319	Duncan, Blancheflower	100	Sarter, John Peter
253	Falkner, Thomas	100	Sarter, Peter
568	Ford, Thomas	125	Saunders, James
C	Gardenshire, Jacob	98	Saunders, Lewis
77	Grimsley, James	125	Saunders, William
459	Halley, James	A	Sewell, William

Table X, continued

Acres Owned	Name	Acres Owned	Name
46	Shortridge, William	130	Summers, William
200	Simpson, Baxter	188	Tillett, John
100	Simpson, Gilbert, Jr.	189	Tillett, George
123	Simpson, William	100	Turley, James
223	Stephens, Joseph	A	Waite, William
190	Sturman, Richard	200	Wren, James
621	Summers, John	A	Young, William
250	Summers, John, Jr.		

**Table XI**  
**ALPHABETICAL LIST OF NONRESIDENT**  
**LANDOWNERS OF FAIRFAX COUNTY,**  
**IN 1760, WHO DID NOT HOLD SLAVES**  
**IN FAIRFAX COUNTY**

(A = Lot in Alexandria)

Acres Owned	Name
346	Adams, Benjamin
335	Arrington, Wansford (heirs)
500	Ashton, Burdett
686	Awbrey, John (heirs)
154	Barnett, Richard
A	Beeler, Christopher
50	Blackburn, Richard
400	Brook, Mrs. Sarah
217	Carr, William
1,587	Crump, Adam (heirs)
A	Diggs, William
586	Ellzey, William
219	Ewell, Bertrand
918	Fitzhugh, John
500	Fitzhugh, William
A	Fitzhugh, William
484	Grayson, Susannah
500	Hamilton, John (heirs)
600	Harrison, Mary
A	Harrison, Nathaniel
A	Harrison, Thomas
663	Harrison, Thomas, Jr.
185	Johnson, Samuel
102	Jackson, C. M.
500	Lee, Richard
200	Lewis, Thomas
* 1,371	Lewis, Thomas (heirs)
166	Linton, William (heirs)
A	Macrae, Allan
102	Middleton, Benjamin
546	Moncure, John



Table XI, continued

Acres Owned	Name
466	Monk, John
466	Monk, Thomas
150	Musgrove (heirs)
30	Noland, Philip
600	Oldham, Samuel
758 & A	Pagan, John
200	Patterson, Elizabeth
A	Peyton, John
234	Randall, Hannah A.
119	Ray, John, Sr.
400	Reid, Joseph
300	Russell, Anthony
75	Sanford, Willoughby
75	Scandret, Thomas (heirs)
300	Singleton, Stanley
A	Skelton, Joseph
600	Slaughter, Robert
304	Stone, Samuel
460	Stuart, David
150	Taylor/Thornton/Ballendine
83	Tyler, Benjamin
144	Veale, Bond
250	Warden, James
708	Washington, Charles
A	Washington, Lawrence (heirs)
288	Watson, Henry
933	Waugh, James
378	Waugh, Travers
933	Waugh, Tyler
484	West, Charles
436	West, William
167	West, William
548	Wilkinson, Benjamin
75	Wisehart, Henry
112	Windsor, William (heirs)
A	Wormly, Ralph
333	Wickliff, Robert

## Roads

**E**ighteenth-century roads were fewer in number, and, of course, not paved in any way. They were public rights of access through the county. Most men traveled little and the major means of transport was on foot or by horse. Responsibility for road maintenance fell upon the owner or renter of the adjacent land.

If a new road was desired, a request was made to the county court. The court would appoint two or three men to “view and lay out” the most convenient way for the new road. If the viewers reported that a new road would be in the public interest, the court ordered the road to be opened. The work was performed by the tithables on the land through which the new road was cleared. The map attempts to show the major roads in Fairfax County in 1760. The data for the roads on the map is primarily from the records of the county court.

Most roads were not given a name in colonial records other than the designation of the two end points, i.e., the road from Colchester to Alexandria. Sometimes just one end point is given—the road leading to the old courthouse.

The major problem with trying to locate the old roads is that the points of reference, (often with only terse directions such as “from Pimmet Run to the orchard of Templeman’s plantation”) that are obscure to us, were well-known both to the person who wrote the court order and to the person who was to open the new road. Changes from the original route were frequently proposed, and most often accepted, by neighboring landowners.

Some roads that were requested and opened had a short

life. In July 1753, a new road was reported as inconvenient and "much worse and much farther" than the old one. The old road was ordered to be established again. In April 1761, a newly opened road was ordered "shut up" till further notice.

The roads shown on the 1760 map are in approximate locations, according to available court records. The roads meandered, sometimes to avoid hills, streams or swampy areas, sometimes following an old path or going through a garden or an orchard. On one occasion a road was specified to go through a cornfield, although the justices took care to note that the road was not to be opened until the current crop of corn was harvested. On rare occasions, a portion of a road was one of the boundaries of a tract of land, but the surveyors too often described the line as "with the courses of the road." When a road crossed a boundary line in a survey, it was noted, but rarely named other than "the county road." Since routes changed so often and since the exact locations of the old roads were not recorded, present day topographical maps were used to verify a logical deduction of a route.

Although called surveyors or overseers of the road, the men who were in charge of seeing that the roads were opened, kept cleared, and well marked were usually planters from the surrounding area. Such overseers were subject to action by the county court if they did not keep the roads in good repair. At one court, for example, six overseers were charged because they had not placed the necessary direction posts on their roads. Despite such care and attention to road matters by the court, the roads generally were perceived as being in miserable condition. The major roads, as depicted on the map, are:

1. *The road from Colchester to Alexandria.* Following the route of earlier Indian trails, this road was originally called the Potomac Path. It followed the line of least geographical resistance, crossing the rivers and various streams at the first

fording place above their junctions with the Potomac. The path was the major north-south road in eighteenth-century Fairfax, and was used to carry the royal mail. At the Occoquan River, the nearest ford was some distance upstream, and therefore the path was diverted to the ferry crossing near the mouth of the river, at the colonial town of Colchester. From the Colchester ferry, the road, in 1760, passed over Giles Run, through the land of John Ford, and passed the 1760 Pohick Church. Less than a mile after the road crossed Pohick Creek, near Robert Boggess' ordinary and racetrack, the road forked into a "back road" and a "river road."

The inland fork, or "back road," so called because it was further back from the river, followed a north-south ridge, crossed Accotink Creek and passed by the glebe lands of Truro Church. It rejoined the river road just south of Great Hunting Creek ford.

The road closer to the Potomac River, or "river road," was also called the "county road." It crossed Accotink and Dogue creeks near where they emptied into the Potomac, passed George Washington's grist mill, continued on to the Gum Spring on Little Hunting Creek, proceeded almost due north, and rejoined the "back road" just south of Great Hunting Creek ford.

After crossing the creek, the road continued north, passed the Cameron settlement, and then turned northeast to enter the ten-year old town of Alexandria.

2. *The road from Cameron to the county line at the Difficult Run bridge.* This road also followed a ridge, running inland. It began at Cameron on Great Hunting Creek, passed the Falls Church, continued to the site of the first county courthouse (1742-1752) at what is now Tysons Corner, and crossed Difficult Run into Loudoun County. This was an important road linking the Potomac with Leesburg and lands further west. Around 1760, a new road was opened from Alexandria which joined the inland ridge road south of the

land of George and James Mercer.

3. *The Mountain Road.* This road ran west from Cameron on Great Hunting Creek, crossed Difficult Run, and continued on into Loudoun County. Although the exact route is not known, it crossed the Ravensworth tract on Henry Fitzhugh's land, crossed the Ox Road near Lewis Ellzey's house, before continuing to the west.

4. *The Ox Road.* The original Ox Road ran northwest from a tobacco inspection warehouse on the Occoquan River at Robert Carter's landing, crossed the Mountain Road and Difficult Run, and continued on to Robert Carter's copper mine near Frying Pan Creek in Loudoun County. Carter had built the original Ox Road around 1723 to carry ore from the mine to his landing on the Occoquan.

5. *The Church Road.* From the crossroads of the Ox Road and the Mountain Road, a Church Road, sometimes called Ellzey's Church Road, went northeastward until it crossed the Hunting Branch of Accotink on Charles Broadwater's land, and then continued eastward to the Falls Church.

6. *The Road to the Old Courthouse from the Ox Road.* This road left the Ox Road near Difficult Run and followed a natural ridge through the lands of George Mason, John Monroe, Charles Broadwater, and Hugh West, Jr., to the site of the old courthouse.

7. *Walter Griffin's Rolling Road, or the Road to Pohick Warehouse.* This road began at the tobacco inspection warehouse near where Pohick Creek enters the Potomac River, and ran north and west to the Ox Road. The road was probably built by Walter Griffin in the 1720s or 1730s, so that Griffin could transport, or roll (hence the term "rolling road"), the hogsheads of his tobacco to the Potomac. In the 1760s, two points along this road, near where it met with the Ox Road, were identified as being on Walter Griffin's Rolling Road.

8. *The Road to Hereford's Ferry.* From its intersection with

the Alexandria-Colchester road, near Colchester, this road ran southeast to the Potomac at the ferry landing of John Hereford. A second ferry road ran from the Alexandria Road, near the Pohick Church, and joined the other ferry road near Robert Lindsay's land.

9. *The Rolling Road.* This early road intersected the mountain road on the land of Henry Fitzhugh and provided access to the tobacco inspection warehouse at Pohick Creek on the Potomac.

10. *The Road to the Old Courthouse.* This road ran from the back road fork of the Colchester-Alexandria Road, crossed the Long Branch of Accotink Creek, continued north through the Fitzhugh lands, crossed Backlick Run, and, after a slight jog to the west, proceeded north across the Church Road and joined the road from Cameron to Leesburg about one mile east of the old courthouse.

Other roads depicted, but not labeled, on the map are: the road from the old courthouse to the Falls Warehouse; the road from Alexandria north to Mason's ferry; the road from the Falls Church to this same ferry; and the road from the Falls Church to the Falls Warehouse.

There were, of course, other roads (many merely paths) as well. Roads were opened or closed in accordance with need and convenience, and almost always at the request of one or more residents.



## Bridges

Construction and maintenance of bridges crossing streams along roads in Fairfax County was the responsibility of the county court. Bridges crossing Difficult Run and other streams into Loudoun County were the joint responsibility of the two county courts.

The map depicts the following bridges known to have been in operation in 1760:

1. The bridge at Grayson's mill, crossing Pohick Creek on the road to the Occoquan ferry, was built sometime before 1750.

2. The bridge over Pimmett Run on the road from Alexandria, northwest of the Falls Church, was built in 1754 by Garrard Trammell, who had requested a change in the route of the road. Trammell was told by the court that the road could be changed if he built the bridge.

3. Also built as a result of a request to change an existing road was the bridge over the Wolf Trap branch of Difficult Run. It was apparently constructed by Sybil West in 1755, the year she requested the route change.

4. The map depicts a bridge crossing a small stream that empties into Great Hunting Creek, near the ford by the Potomac Path. This bridge is mentioned, without a specific location, in May 1758, as the "bridge at Cameron." It was mentioned because the crossroads at Cameron did not have a direction post. Although many court records are extant which concern the two fording places at Hunting Creek, a bridge is not mentioned. Thus the location of this bridge, on the map, is conjectural.



5. The most prominent and well known bridge in Fairfax County, in 1760, was the bridge that carried the road from Cameron to the county line over Difficult Run. Although the date of construction is not known, in June, 1759 it was brought to the attention of the court that the bridge was in need of repair. Charles Broadwater and Henry Gunnell, both justices of the court, were appointed commissioners to meet with similar commissioners from Loudoun County for the purpose of arranging with some workmen for repairs to the bridge. The cost was to be shared, and in November 1759 the Fairfax Court approved payment of £15.5.4 for the repairs of the bridge. The Difficult Run bridge was repaired again in both 1764 and 1770; the cost was shared by the two counties on these occasions.

6. Another bridge carried the Church Road across a branch of Holmes Run, near the land of Daniel Neale.

## Churches

Religion was an important structural and organizational feature of life in eighteenth-century Virginia. The official or established church was the Church of England (Anglican). Although freedom of conscience was allowed in Fairfax County (as elsewhere in Virginia), everyone was required to pay taxes to support the minister, the churches, and for the civil duties performed by the parish vestry.

The vestry of the parish was responsible for the administration of relief to the poor, the education and apprenticing of orphans and bastards, and the presentation to the courts of moral misdemeanors committed in the parish. The latter could include the absence from church for several Sundays, profane swearing, indecent behavior, bastardy, or fornication.

Another important task of the vestry was the processioning of lands. The county was divided into districts; two men were named for each district and were responsible for walking the boundaries of land with owners of adjoining properties. It was a time for renewing blaze markings and making known the corners and lines of tracts of land so that no trespass would be committed on a neighbor's land.

Church buildings were established and located as necessary for the growing and expanding population. Indeed, the original Occoquan Church (ca. 1732) and Falls Church (ca. 1733) were built in what was to become Fairfax County, soon after the establishment of Truro Parish (1732), but before the actual founding of the county in 1742.

At its formation, in 1732, Truro Parish was located in Prince William County and included all of what later became Fairfax

and Loudoun counties. Ten years later, when Fairfax County was formed, it had essentially the same boundary as the already existing parish.

The Reverend Mister Charles Green, served as minister of Truro Parish, from 1737 until his death, probably in April, 1765.

The vestrymen who served in 1760 were:

John West	William Peake	Robert Boggess
Daniel McCarty	Thomas Wren	Charles Broadwater
Henry Gunnell	William Payne, Jr.	William Payne
George Mason	George William Fairfax	Abraham Barnes

The churchwardens appointed for the year 1760 and 1761 were Thomas Wren and Robert Boggess. They replaced John West and Daniel McCarty who had served in 1759. George Washington was elected to the Vestry in October 1762.

The three churches in Truro Parish in 1760, as depicted on the map, are:

1. *Pohick Church*: This frame building, probably the second church built in Truro Parish, was located at the intersection of the Colchester-Alexandria road and the road to Hereford's ferry. Although the first church building, known only as the Occoquan Church, is mentioned in the early vestry minutes, its exact location is not known.

By 1760, this original Pohick Church was in need of repairs. In 1765, after the new Fairfax Parish was formed from the northern portion of Truro, a new church was ordered to be built near the crossroads of the Colchester-Alexandria road with the rolling road that led from Hollis' land to the Pohick warehouse. In September 1769, the vestry met at that crossroads and decided to build the new church on the nearby land of Daniel French. French also agreed to undertake construction of this new Pohick Church, which is the church building that stands today.

2. *The Falls Church*: This church (so named because it was

near the road to the Little Falls of the Potomac) was built around 1733 on the land of John Trammell, near the crossroads of the road from Cameron and the road to the falls. By 1760, the frame building was described as "greatly in decay." After the establishment of Fairfax Parish in 1765, a new brick church was built on the same site.

3. *The first church at Alexandria:* This church was first mentioned in the vestry minutes of June 1753, when the Reverend Mister Charles Green was requested to preach every third Sunday at the town of Alexandria. Various expenses for the church were entered in the vestry record after 1754. Although no record has survived that gives the location of the church, it seems likely that it was on the land of John West, just outside the town limits (West had presented the original petition asking for Green to preach in 1753). The Christ Church, now in Alexandria, was built by the new Fairfax Parish in the early 1770s.



## Tobacco Inspection Warehouses

Tobacco was the cash crop of colonial Virginia; it served as a medium of exchange, officials were paid in tobacco, fines and tithes were levied in tobacco, and store accounts were settled in tobacco.

The tobacco warehouses served two purposes. First: A planter could deposit his tobacco at the warehouse and receive a receipt that he had so many pounds of tobacco being held. The receipts or "tobacco notes" were what circulated as legal tender. Second: In order to assure that all tobacco being held was more or less of equal quality and value, the Virginia Assembly, in 1730, passed a tobacco inspection statute. The law required all tobacco to be taken to an official inspection warehouse where it was unpacked, examined, and either repacked as good tobacco or burned as unfit for sale.

The location of inspection warehouses was determined by the Assembly. Land owners at the sites selected often built the warehouses and rented them to the inspectors; on other occasions, when landowners refused to build, the court ordered warehouses built at public expense. Fairfax planters in 1760 could take their tobacco to any of four inspection warehouses.

1. *Hunting Creek*: Originally built in 1732, by 1760 this warehouse was in the new town of Alexandria (1749) at the foot of Oronoko Street, on the land of Sybil West. (The street may have been named for the warehouse as Oronoko was one of the two major varieties of tobacco grown in Fairfax.)

2. *Pohick Creek*: The first authorization for an inspection

warehouse at Pohick took place in 1732, at the same time as the Hunting Creek Warehouse. This authorization was repealed in 1734, due to the small quantity of tobacco presented for inspection. Ten years later, in 1744, this inspection warehouse was reestablished by the Assembly. French Mason and Daniel McCarty both claimed the land on which the inspection houses were built. After many years in court Mason apparently gained title, for, in 1762, he was ordered by the court to repair the warehouses. The warehouse was repaired, or perhaps rebuilt, by Samuel Boggess for £ 146.13.10.

3. *Occoquan River*: The inspection warehouse on Occoquan River was established in August, 1734, at Robert Carter's copper-mine landing near the mouth of Mill Creek, at the end of the Ox Road. By 1760, this warehouse was reported as being in disrepair. By 1763, a new warehouse had been authorized and erected in Colchester, as the old one was found to be "in a ruinous condition and inconveniently situated."

4. *Little Falls of Potomac River*: The last warehouse to be initially authorized and built in Fairfax County was at the Little Falls of the Potomac River. It was built in 1742, the same year Fairfax County was officially established, on the land of Thomas Lee (Philip Ludwell Lee by 1760) where Pimmit Run enters the Potomac. The Little Falls also marked the head of Potomac navigation; ships could proceed no further upriver. Inspection warehouses were not authorized above the falls until after the Revolution.

## Courthouse

In the eighteenth century, Virginia counties were governed by a county court. The court acted as the entire county **government** exercising legislative, administrative, and judicial functions. The “gentlemen justices” of the court were not trained lawyers or judges. They were prominent landowners appointed to the court by the governor. The original Fairfax County Court was located “at a place called springfields,” near present day Tysons Corner. In 1752, the enterprising founders of Alexandria offered to provide a new courthouse if the court would move there, which it did.

By 1760, the new courthouse was built, the lot had been leveled and fenced with posts and rail, and a necessary house (outhouse) provided. Inside were a table for the justices, one for the clerk, two sheriff’s boxes, and a desk. Law books had arrived from Williamsburg in 1755, and a new set was ordered in 1760. William Gladden swept the courthouse every day and washed it once a month for 800 pounds of tobacco per year; Gladden also provided water and firewood. Courts were held, in 1760, during February through November, beginning on the third Tuesday of each month and lasting from one to five days. Special meetings of the court were held when necessary.

The first two days of each court were set aside for receiving motions, petitions, and attachments. The court then considered propositions, attachments, grievances, and public claims. Examples of matters considered by the court or referred to the Virginia Assembly, from 1755-1765, were:



A petition for monthly courts, and for fairs to be kept in Alexandria; the sale of a marsh in Alexandria, selling the glebe land in Truro parish and purchasing other land more convenient, a petition from the Cameron parish inhabitants for their share of sundrys in the parish of Truro; moving the courthouse; a ferry from John Posey's house across the Potomac, a bridge over Broad Run, requiring owners of convicted servants to give security for future good behavior of those servants, establishing a ferry on Potomac River on Josiah Clapham's land, erecting a chain of forts on the frontier, whether tobacco debts could be paid in money, keeping the courthouse in Alexandria, a petition to enlarge the town of Alexandria, another to change the boundary between Cameron and Truro parish; yet others to move a tobacco warehouse to Colchester, to dissolve the Truro vestry, and an act to prevent pedlars.

Justices who served during 1759-1761 were:

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Robert Adam	Benjamin Grayson
William Adams	Henry Gunnell
Marmaduke Beckwith	John Hunter
Edward Blackburn	Lee Massey
Charles Broadwater	Daniel McCarty
William Bronaugh	William Payne
John Carlyle	William Payne, Jr.
Thomas Colvill	William Ramsay
Townshend Dade	Richard Sanford
Sampson Darrell	Joseph Watkins
Bryan Fairfax	John West
George William Fairfax	John West, Jr.
Thomas, Lord Fairfax	

George Washington was appointed to the court in 1764.

## Mills

From the days of earliest settlement, the numerous streams in Fairfax County provided convenient sites for the erection of grist mills. Some of these were private or neighborhood mills, others probably ground grain for later sale at Alexandria. Determination of the number and location of mills operating in Fairfax around 1760 can only be probable. Even though it was necessary to obtain a permit from the county court to construct a new mill, a license for operation was not required. The fourteen mills shown on the map reflect some of the permits issued by the county court from 1748 until 1760 and mills known from other sources to have been in operation in 1760.

Some mills may have had a short lifespan and not been in operation in 1760. (References in Fairfax County land deeds and other court documents refer to old mill dams or sites.) Other mills were probably built before the formation of Fairfax County in 1742 (for example, the mill depicted on the map on Great Hunting Creek and belonging to John Carlyle in 1760, was actually built in 1733 probably by John Bruff), and are thus not in the minutes of the Fairfax Court. The earliest mills are not known as the court records from 1742-1749 are missing. The mills depicted on the map are listed in Table XII.

**Table XII**  
**MILLS IN FAIRFAX COUNTY, VIRGINIA,**  
**IN 1760,**  
**AS SHOWN ON MAP**

<b>Name of Mill Owner</b>	<b>Location Of Mill</b>	<b>Type of Mill, Source of Reference</b>
Robert Boggess	Pohick	water grist mill; RS:85
Stephen Lewis	Difficult Run	water grist mill; COB 1749:166
Benjamin Grayson	Pohick	COB 1749:67
Edward Masterson	Difficult Run	water grist mill; COB 1749:222
Daniel Thomas	Popeshead	water mill; COB 1749:414
Stephoe's Mill	Accotink	boundary of con- stable's district; COB 1754:101
Ball's Mill	Four Mile Run	old mill dam and house mentioned in survey; RS:101
Turley's Mill	Popeshead	road from old court- house to Turley's Mill; COB 1756:310
Thomas Monroe	Backlick	water grist mill on his land at Quarter Branch; COB 1756:455
Col. Washington	Dogue	
John Colville	Great Hunting Creek	
John Summers, Jr.	Holmes Run	wife inherited from Gabriel Adams; WB A:428
John Carlyle	Great Hunting Creek	Bruff's old mill;
William Payne	Accotink	mill mentioned in lease; DB E:116

Sources: DB=Deed Book; COB=Court Order Book; RS=Record of Surveys; all Circuit Court Archives, Fairfax County Courthouse, Fairfax, Virginia.

## *Ordinaries*

By 1760, the roads in Fairfax, particularly those that connected Alexandria with the west, were increasingly used by farmers bringing produce and livestock to market. Taverns or inns (called ordinaries) were established along the roads to provide the travelers with food, drink, and lodging. Anyone wishing to open an ordinary could petition for a license from the county court. The law required that a known landowner pledged security for proper operation of the tavern, and that the petitioner pay a fee if the license was granted. During 1759 through 1761, some thirty-four licenses were granted by the Fairfax court; some of these were renewals to the same individual (i.e. Robert Boggess in each of these three years.)

The location for all the ordinaries has not been established. The map depicts the probable location for the following ordinaries in 1760 which are listed in Table XIII.

**Table XIII**  
**ORDINARIES IN FAIRFAX COUNTY, VIRGINIA**  
**IN 1760,**  
**AS SHOWN ON MAP**

<b>Name of Ordinary Keeper</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Security</b>
Edward Willet	Road from Colchester to Alexandria, at Dogue Run	Grafton Kirk and Samuel Conner
James Ingoe Dozer	Ox Road	William Bayly
Jacob Shilling	Alexandria Ferry	John West, Jr.
Charles Tyler	Colchester	
John Plummer	Alexandria	George Johnston
William Bayly	Colchester	Joseph Stephens
Eleanor Jackson	Alexandria	John Dalton
Ann Mayson	Alexandria	John Dalton
David Young	Alexandria	John Dalton
Benjamin Sebastian	Alexandria	
Robert Boggess	Road from Colchester to Alexandria, near Pohick	
John Hollis	Mountain road, at junction with Rolling Road	
Seth Johnston	At old courthouse	
Michael Gretter	Alexandria	George Johnston
John Minor	Cameron, near Great Hunting Creek	Thomas Shaw
James Brown	Ox Road	Samuel Canterbury
Elizabeth Fallon	Colchester	
Nathan Hughes	Alexandria	George Johnston

## *Ferries*

Six ferries are shown on the map as operating in Fairfax County in 1760. They are:

1. *Occoquan Ferry*: This ferry was established in 1684 when George Mason, I or II, was ordered by the county court, then of Stafford County, to provide a boat for transporting soldiers and horses over the Occoquan. By 1691, this ferry was operating on a regular basis for the convenience of those using the Potomac Path. The cost was borne by the Stafford County Court. By 1760, when the ferry connected the counties of Prince William (1730) and Fairfax (1742), the cost of operation was shared by these two county courts. The Occoquan ferry was owned and operated by the Mason family for over a hundred years. Archdeacon Burnaby reported in 1798 that the ferry keeper was an old slave of George Mason, IV who was allowed to retain the profits for his keep. Perhaps this was the same man operating the ferry in 1796, who was described by Benjamin Henry Latrobe as an albino Negro.

2. *Mason's Rock Creek Ferry*: This ferry was established in 1738, crossing the Potomac from the Fairfax plantation of Francis Awbrey to a point near the mouth of Rock Creek, then in Maryland. Awbrey's heirs later sold the land where the ferry landing was located to George Mason, IV. By 1748 it had been moved upriver to Mason's plantation at a point slightly above Mason's Island, as shown on the 1760 map. It is known to have been at that location as late as 1767.

3. *Hunting Creek Ferry*: Established in 1740, this ferry ran from Hunting Creek warehouse, on the land of Hugh West,

across the Potomac to Frazier's Point, nearly opposite in Prince Georges County, Maryland. By 1760, the ferry was operated by the heirs of Hugh West.

4. *Hereford's Ferry*: Also established in May, 1740, Hereford's ferry ran from the plantation of John Hereford on Dogue Neck to the lower side of Pamunky Creek in Prince Georges County, Maryland.

5. *Clifton's Ferry*: Established in 1745, it ran from the land of William Clifton across the Potomac to Prince Georges County, Maryland.

6. *Posey's Ferry*: This was the last ferry to be established in Fairfax County before 1760. Begun in 1753, it ran from the land of John Posey (south of George Washington's Mount Vernon) to Thomas Marshall's in Maryland. The land and ferry later belonged to Washington, who had it discontinued due to lack of use.

The rates charged for use of the various ferries varied over time. By 1748, the Occoquan ferry charged 3 pence for a man or a horse each way; in 1753 this increased to a shilling (twelve pence) roundtrip. The Potomac ferries, in 1748, charged a shilling for a man and horse, except at the Rock Creek ferry where the charge was four pence. The rates were higher for a coach, chariot, wagon, cart, two or four wheel chaise, or a riding chair. A hogshead of tobacco or a head of cattle was charged as a horse.

